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YOLO COUNTY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD YOLO YOUTH OPPORTUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES November 18, 2003

I. Roll Call

The Yolo County Workforce Investment Board Yolo Youth Opportunity Council meeting convened on November 18, 2003 at 3:35 p.m. at the Yolo County Office of Education, 1240 Harter Avenue, Woodland, California with the following people attending:

Present: Ronda Adams, Brenda Arteche, Blanca Barba, Chris Blackman, Susan Cassady, Steven Daubert, Jennifer Davis, Bianca De La Torre, Estella De La Torre, Michael Gangitano, Dianne Grimard, Lee Humes, Sandy Johnson, Jessica Larsen, Tom Lawson, Constance Lucero, Gayle McLevich, Ron Piña, Susan Purcell, Panna Putnam, Karen Quintanilla, Vicki Rich, Angelica Saragoza, Jasmine Smith, and Nelida Sotelo

Absent: Jorge Ayala, Karen Benson, Robin Dewey, Kathy Harryman, Christine Hartman, Kitty Hudson, Elizabeth Jones, Susan Knadle, Jerry Knapp, Krystal Majorovas, Carol Neal, Delia Quiñones, Cassandra Schantz, Mike Sellers, Judy Simas, Alvin Singh, and Lisa Tadlock

Staff: Viola DeVita

II. Welcome and Introductions

Rene Sosa Galindo, Sr. Employment Specialist, YCDESS
Kelly Harrison, Employment & Social Services Program Supervisor, YCDESS
Khaalid Muttaqui, Sr. Employment Specialist and Case Manager, YCDESS
Roberta Caluya, Yolo County Housing Authority
Rebecca Gerald, Davis Senior High School, Davis CA

III. Statement from Public and Visitors

Statements moved to announcements.

IV. Agenda Items

A. Review and Approval of September 16, 2003 Minutes

Tom Lawson moved, and Jasmine Smith seconded the motion to approve the Minutes of September 16, 2003. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Announcements

- Tom Lawson would like to put the fines received during the meeting toward the purchase of a gift for a young person. Various members were fined for cell phone use, late arrival, and side-bar conversations.
- Ron Piña announced that River City High School received the Small Learning Communities Grant in the amount of \$100,000. River City High School also received \$30,800 from Intel as an exemplary mentor site. A portion of the funds will go into the scholarship fund.
- Michael Gangitano announced the Third Annual Career Day taking place April 9, 2004. On April 8, 2004 at 3:30 pm Phillip S. Jarvis, international partnership coordinator for the Real Game Series, will speak at Pioneer High school. Michael disseminated Phillip Jarvis' biography.
- Jasmine Smith states that Hands Together is working on the Angel Tree project. Also, Make a Difference Day is October 25, 2003. They will be collecting coats and socks. Items can be dropped off at the Hands Together office.
- Rebecca Gerald, a student at Davis Senior High School, is involved in the Drama Action Committee and is interested in becoming a member of the Yolo Youth Opportunity Council.
- Vicki Rich stated that December 16 is the deadline for Work Ready Certificate applications at Davis Senior High School. Vicki also announced that Kitty Hudson, School-to-Career Director and Aaron Shonk, Grant Writer of Davis Joint Unified School District, received a \$50,000 grant for new technology at the high school. This grant funding to be received by next fall.
- Roberta Caluya is visiting from the Yolo County Housing Authority.
- Karen Quintanilla announced that Migrant Education hires teachers from Mexico to help Northern California students with their studies when they return to Mexico. Schools can claim ADA (Average Daily Attendance) if students complete tasks sent to Mexico with them.
- Dianne Grimard states that although the \$25,000 grant received from the WIB is exhausted, members of the community are stepping forward to fill in the gap for funding.
- Susan Purcell announced that a challenge for WorkAbility is to have two growing high schools with no further funding.
- Brenda Arteché states that the CSGP (Community Service Grant Program) is moving forward in the service of expelled students. They are hoping to expand to the suspension group. A meeting date for Career Youth Conference Planning is being scheduled.
- Gayle McLevich announced that we will need 100 volunteers for job interviews and speech at the Academic Decathlon scheduled for February 7, 2004.
- Jessica Larsen announced that she would like to purchase gift certificates to the Mall for 16 foster youth, 10 boys and 6 girls. Jessica asked for support in this area and provided her phone number to those who will be able to support later.

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- Panna Putnam will begin a series of Cal grant workshops. These workshops will help students and parents understand the process of applying for college grants. Panna will have assistance from staff at Senator Machado's office. The first workshop is taking place January 24, 2004 at Woodland High School. There will be 5000 plus flyers sent out.
- Lee Humes announced that he is President of the NorCal Girls Softball Association and expressed the need to rewrite the rule book.

C. CS² Update

Panna and Gayle work with school counselors. Panna coordinates regional projects. Gayle coordinates the YYOC retreats. Gayle and Brenda are involved in the Chambers of Commerce throughout Yolo County.

CS² brings technical support from state agencies, such as the (YCi) Youth Council Institute which is operated by NWW (New Ways to Work) and the CWA (California Workforce Association) and is funded by the CalWIB (California Workforce Investment Board). The State Youth Council and YCi have awarded the YYOC with the "Architect of Change" award which Gayle and Ronda will receive on November 20, 2003.

Gayle passed around the "All Youth One System 50 Stories" that includes profiles of youth systems in California's Workforce Investment Area's.

Panna verified that CS² couldn't exist without partners on-site who make the delivery of services more expedient.

D. Legislative Update

Ron Piña reported that CALCP (California Association of Leaders for Career Preparation) and CAROCP (California Association of Regional Occupational Centers and Programs) are meeting this week. Peter Birdsall and Laura Wasco are putting together a report for the Thursday and Friday meetings. There will be no conference this year due to the budget crisis. It's promised that 67 categorical programs that received funding will be revisited. This will have an impact on ROP and partnership academies. There will be no additional information until November 20 & 21, 2003.

There was discussion of whether or not funding would continue for Youth Councils and Carl Perkins. Ron reminded everyone present that it helps to write letters.

Lee reiterated for the youth present at the meeting that the YYOC is one of the Youth Councils that effects federal policy and is nationally known.

E. Ralph M. Brown Act

Ronda and Viola attended the Brown Act Seminar October 29, 2003, presented by Yolo County Counsel to verify if we were in compliance with the Brown Act. Viola has verified that Sub-Committee Agenda items are to be forwarded to Viola for posting at least 72 hours prior to the meeting in an area accessible to the public.

Lee would like confirmation of whether or not there is a maximum amount of WIB members that can be members of the YYOC. Also, how is the FPPC (Fair Political Practices Commission) interpreted? Is it an issue if most have a financial interest?

F. Sub Committee Member Reports moved to F

Leadership is moving ahead on membership.

G. Winters/Esparto Chamber Partnership Report – Deleted

H. DESS Youth Program Report

A PowerPoint presentation was disseminated and Khaalid Muttaqui and Constance Lucero were primary presenters. Items included WIA Program Goals and the required 10 Elements of the WIA Youth Program. Orientation includes an overview of One-Stop and Universal Services as well as coordination of other activities and programs youth are involved in. If the One-Stop does not provide a service they offer links to other agencies that provide the necessary service.

All students are able to access the Universal Services:

- One-Stop workshops
- ROP Classes
- Job Leads
- YEOP (Youth Employment Opportunity Program)
- CalJOBS labor Market Information
- Setting up e-mail accounts
- Information and referral to other community resources
- Employment Center

The above information is all part of the Career Exploration/Work Readiness classes. The classes have typically been provided as an entire program that is normally completed within 44 hours.

Intake/Eligibility Criteria include being of age 14-21; Right to Work/Citizenship; Residency; Low Income; Selective Service. Students must also meet one of the following barriers – deficient in basic literacy skills; school dropout; homeless/runaway/foster child; pregnant/parenting; offender; or require additional assistance to complete an educational program or to secure and hold employment, including a youth with a disability.

There have been occasions when One-Stop staff attended Career Fairs and offered presentations to schools. However, due to limited staff and funding, the One-Stop is not able to “go to” students to provide services on a regular basis. There are only two youth case managers and two adult case managers remaining to provide WIA services for the entire county. Connie offered to have students do field trips to the One-Stop however, Ronda indicated Field trips are not a viable option due to lack of transportation.

Ronda voiced concern that WIA has \$500,000 to serve 100-150 students and 15,000 students need service. The YYOC needs to find a method to bring programs to students. Lee agrees that issues need to be coordinated and that as funding is cut we are unable to do more.

To follow up – item on agenda: Leveraging Resources with WIA funding.

I. Youth Inspire! - Brenda Arteché - moved to next agenda

Tom Lawson verified that \$60.00 will be sent to Jessica for Foster Youth. \$7.00 in fines was collected at this meeting.

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Next Meetings to be held in YCOE's Woodland Conference Room
Leadership Team & Subcommittee Chairs – 2:30 – 3:30 pm.
YYOC - 3:30 – 5:00 pm.

January 20, 2004

March 16 & 17, 2004 – March Retreat 4:00-7:00 pm. Dinner included.

May 18, 2004

V. Adjournment

With no further business the Chair adjourned the meeting of the Yolo Youth Opportunity Council at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Viola DeVita