



# Humboldt County Workforce Investment Board

## YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, October 9, 2007

3:00-5:00 pm

Prosperity Center Conference Room • 520 E Street, • Eureka

## MINUTES

**Members Present:** Jon Sapper (Chair), Dennis Mullins, Mark Schaffner, Doug Rasines (Vice-Chair), Terry Coltra, Peter LaVallee, Gwen LaPena

**Members Absent:** Joe Davey, Maura Eastman, Karen Jarboe, Kelly Remington

**Others Attending:** Janet DePace, Bruce Alexander, Joann Sapper, Sue Murray, Emilia Bartolomeu, Carolyn Miller, Norrese Andrews, James Koeppel, Colleen Thoanton, Jose Quezada, Sandy Alcaraz

### 1. OPENING:

**1.1 Call to Order:** Chair Jon Sapper called the meeting to order at 3:01pm with a quorum.

**1.2 Self-introductions of Youth Council members, staff and public:** Introductions were made around the table

**1.3 Adjustments to the Agenda:** Jon Sapper has another commitment and needs to leave at 3:45. Doug Rasines will continue the meeting until adjournment.

### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

### 3. DISCUSSION and ACTION ITEMS

**3.1 Consent Agenda-The following items are recommended for approval via a single vote of the membership:**

**3.1.1 Approve minutes from September 11, 2007 YC meeting**

**3.1.2 Approve YC Chair sign MOA with Two Feathers Native American Family Services:**  
Last two YC meetings TFNAFS asked that YC direct Chair to sign a Memorandum of Agreement that seeks to increase communication between our two bodies. The MOA indicates how we can work together toward the mutual goal of providing coordination of efforts.

**Motion** by Peter LaVallee to approve the consent agenda as presented, second by Terry Coltra. So moved.

**3.2 StepUp for Youth Jobs:** Jose did a short presentation about the StepUp program from last year. When do we start gearing up for next year? Now is good. Why were there so few jobs outside of Hoopa? Different reasons; how many resources were available, also staffing availability. The tribe and the local school district kicked in money/resources. Many employers show an interest but didn't have youth to work. Students want half time work. Eel River Valley reported three full time positions that didn't get filled due to the lack of interest in full time work by students. Jon Sapper sees a crisis looming at entry-level jobs. There are declining numbers of students enrolled in schools, and this will begin downward trend in 2-3 years Are there any quality control indicators for StepUp? "Nobody owns the StepUp program"; quality control is difficult because there are many entities involved, and there is no agreed blueprint being followed. As the program takes hold it would be a worthy conversation to see how things progress; how will we assess things if all goes well and in the direction we want them to go. There is a definite need for a single person to coordinate all the different pieces. Is there any way to target/prioritize students that are homeless or in the foster care system? We don't have an answer for that yet.

**3.3 Eureka-based Digital Pathways media training update:** Youth Council set aside \$48,000.00 to emulate the successes from Hoopa project to Eureka. Money will pay for stipends (incentive

payments) for students; competency based. Infrastructure costs have been set up (still working on) with Eureka Adult School. There will be in school and out of school youth participating. Getting closer to a Memorandum of Agreement with potential funders—still finalizing the funder list. What happens after 3 years? No real answer as of yet, but will be addressed in MOA.. Youth Council would like to strive for end of November as a start date. How many available slots will there be? 10 seats for out of school youth and 5 for in school. Eureka Adult School would like to make that 19 open slots. We're still lining up partners. Additional instruction can be provided once the equipment is in place. Several classes can be going on simultaneously. {Possibly replicate the program 3 to 4 times a year to keep costs down. If we are able to get the lab in then EAS can get ADA funds. Getting youth motivated can be difficult but this is a good start.

- 3.4 Future of Youth Programs in Humboldt County:** Draft framing of RFP process-WIB report #103 YC-attached (draft report). Jose briefly went through the report and asked members to feel free to call or email him with any concerns. Will the federal government penalize the county because we serve less than 100 students? No, the state looks at cost per student. There is a range that the state looks at; there's a danger in small numbers when you are looking at percentages. How can we do an "All Youth One System? Not all WIA's are going to make it; there's a need for additional funds. Humboldt Office of Education is putting up funds for some youth programs through their system. There are other entities that are doing the same thing. Can't do it as a stand-alone silo program anymore. Motion made by Terry Coltra to have a draft made by the next meeting that incorporates the elements of the All Youth One System, second by Dennis Mullins. Section 1 and 2 would go out as an RFP. Questions to answer: Would there be a restructuring of the county system? Should we call together a sub-committee? We need to get a draft of the RFP going. Motion carried. Final draft by November meeting will be available. Doug, Gwen, Janet, Dennis and Terry will be the new sub-committee.

#### **4. CLOSING**

- 4.1 Next Meeting date and agenda topics:** November 13<sup>th</sup> is the next scheduled meeting. Recommended RFP is the first agenda item.
- 4.2 Announcements:** None
- 4.3 Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 4:37 pm.