

Youth Council Meeting Notes

Members Present: Jon Sapper (Chair), Doug Rasines (Vice Chair), Joe Davey,

Members Absent: Maura Eastman, Peter LaVallee, Dennis Mullins, Terry Coltra, Kelly Remington, Mark Schaffner

Others: Ben Remington, JoAnne Sapper, Carolyn Albee, Peach Bond, Bruce Alexander, Kim Tolley, Clarissa Handy, Peggy Candrian, Jo Ann Sapper, Nicole Morrow, Jacqueline Debets, Laura Chancellor, Angie Schwab, José Quezada

1. Opening:

- 1.1 Call to Order: No quorum-informal meeting started at 3:20 p.m.
- 1.2 Introductions were made around table
- 1.3 Adjustments to the agenda:

2. Public Comment: No public

3. Discussion

3.1 Consent Agenda- no quorum

3.1.1 Approve Minutes from March 10, 2009 meeting-no quorum

3.1.2 Membership-review new youth council application- no quorum

3.2 Regarding the youth stimulus allocations for summer 2009: Staff reports HC-WIB will get about \$600k. For simplicity and consistency, payroll functions will be centralized at HC-WIB with a contractor. RFP has been let for this purpose, and is being evaluated. Staff expect vendor to be selected by next meeting. The contracted payroll service is expected to be under contract before the wave of summer jobs is expected to hit.

California Conservation Corps contract is being developed that is looking at possibly three regional sites for projects and crews—Northern Humboldt; Eel River Valley and Eureka-area regions. Possibly will be working with both RCAA and RCEA for doing energy efficiency retrofitting of homes in the county. Greenway partners (formed out of Plan It Green) is interested in setting up work sites also. Green Corps funding opportunities are also coming down the pike. .

Staff report 156 jobs (work sites/jobs/slots) for youth have been developed from approximately 50 employers responding to outreach. So far response has been mostly non-profits. Emphasis on job development should help YPO's work on the getting their region's youth ready for eligibility, assessed and ready to go to work. Staff report that Work Readiness certifications are a large part of what has to happen this summer for youth—the idea is that HC-WIB will combine the work readiness certifications with a worksite and supervisor evaluation. There will also be an opportunity for youth to self assess.

YC asks: How does it look for the youth compared to the 156 jobs?? Staff reports that as of this date, there are 10 youth who have completed eligibility and are ready for placement on May 1 (the first day an ARRA stimulus youth can be placed).

YC asks: How long does it take for the kids to go through the eligibility process—to be work ready and set for placement? YPOs and staff report it can vary, depending on the youth's ability to gather information and motivation to work. Staff states there is a contact at The Job Market for the youth to call and/or to be able to meet. Those contacts are Carolyn Miller and Laura Chancellor.

Couple of ideas: If there was an on line application that the youth could fill out it could speed things up. Staff will look into this and report back. If it could be implemented, then the form would be automatically forwarded to a YPO—the youth may be more likely to apply. It was suggested that if the application could be placed on a computer where the youth would be apt to see it and fill it out it would encourage more participation. Concern made that not all youth have access to computers/internet, and also parent acknowledgement would be needed for minors applying for WIA services. Have to account for that somehow. . Suggestion made that perhaps StepUp youth working with staff can be moved up closer to the front of the Job Market so she can be seen easier by youth coming in for services.

Suggestion to do do weekly Job Fairs to get youth in to apply for program. Suggestion: What about having a job fair for the youth here—process them for eligibility at that time. Have some of the YPO’s at the job fair so that they can do the eligibility work. Hire the youth to do the marketing for this event. Question: What is the estimated time for this: from the time of filling out the form to the time that they are READY to go?? It depends on having the eligibility forms from the Youth done and signed and ready to go. Also possibly have jobs that are for the ineligible youth. Staff reported that has been a part of StepUp in the programs from past—matching youth directly to jobs.

YPO’s have been working on making packet of what the youth will need to speed thru the eligibility process-Staff will review the packet to make sure it works.

The timing for getting youth through the doors is one of the most urgent matters if we are to meet our goals. Have to think about that parental consent for youth under 18, because if the parent doesn’t want them to work we can not work with them.

Don’t put “parent” as the signature—many youth are in the “system” and have no parent as their guardian. Where the signature is used Parent/guardian/caregiver as opposed to just parent.

Stimulus funds start on May 1st ends on September 30th.

Jon Sapper proposed a planning tool for YPOs and HC-WIB to use to help clarify essential actions and roles for getting the program off the ground:

Youth Stimulus Program

	<i>Recruitment Strategies</i>	<i>Eligibility Determination Strategy</i>	<i>Enrollment & Job Placement Strategy</i>
<i>1. What needs to be done?</i>			
<i>2. Who is going to do it?</i>			
<i>3. What are the expected outcomes?</i>			
<i>4. What resources are needed?</i>			
<i>5. How are we going to know if it's successful?</i>			

3.2 Youth Stimulus Allocations for Summer 2009: Since there was no quorum-this action item needs to be brought up before the executive committee so that it can be acted on.

- 3.3 Staff is looking for a community partner to manage Digital pathways, and possibly aligning with *Road Trip Nations* curriculum (the PBS site is the one to look at), which could work well for engaging youth in Targets of Opportunity.