

HC WIB-YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, March 10, 2009 3:00-5:00 pm
C/R Foster Parent & Kinship Care Education Center, 333 Sixth St, Eureka

Notes-Minutes

Members Present: Jon Sapper (Chair), Joe Davey, Peter LaVallee, Dennis Mullins, Terry Coltra and Mark Schaffner. *There may have been more members present, but they did not sign in and I don't know them by sight-Peg*

Members Absent: Doug Rasines, Maura Eastman, and Kelly Remington. *See note above*

Others Attending: Carolyn Albee, Laura Chancellor, Peach Bond, Bruce Alexander, Kim Tolley, Clarissa Handy, Peggy Candrian, Jo Ann Sapper,

A. PROPOSED AGENDA:

1. OPENING

1.1 Call to Order-Meeting called to order at 3:04 p.m. but there is no quorum at this time.

When the quorum arrived, Terry Coltra moved, Joe 2nd—passed (quorum at 4:05pm)

1.2 Self-introductions of Youth Council members, staff and public-Intros were made around the tables.

1.3 Adjustments to the Agenda: None.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

3. DISCUSSION and ACTION ITEMS

3.1.1 CONSENT AGENDA: Approve minutes from February 10, 2009 Youth Council meeting: Terry Coltra so moved, Joe Davey seconded—motion passed (this was after the quorum arrived at 4:05 pm)

3.1.2 Membership: Review of recent Youth Council application (Brad Remington): No motion was made on this--meeting did not follow agenda

3.2 *StepUp and Digital Pathways Updates:* Staff reported that step up is moving forward and doing well. The Program is working on the following: Workshops are filling up quickly; we are putting the kids to work at a variety of jobs (like the mini golf tournament where they were very much appreciated), specifically creating value for the kids; giving them incentive payments and working on hiring a outside payroll company; having the system set up so that with many more youth joining, the staff is ready. Possibly using the youth to help in streamlining the processes; having them working. Since the workshops are filling so quickly, should we schedule more workshops?? Yes, and it is being researched.

Please put this on the WIB Executive Committee on April 2nd as an action item-can this streamlining be set up and ready to be brought forward?? The “stimulus money” will be adding paperwork to the process. The Youth Operators will be meeting next Weds and this will be brought up and recommendations will be made for the executive committee.

These three items need to be included in that action item (per Jon Sapper.)

- **Marketing**
- **Streamlining process**
- **How to respond once we have the marketing for the youth; capacity**

3.3 *Youth Transition Action Team Activities:* Their primary goal is to getting into post-secondary education and training (which mirrors WIA). People are meeting about the Job Club this Thursday. There's a Jump Start series of workshops that are for the youth (to make them feel comfortable at the college campus): Another is the college buddy program—hopefully a former foster youth as being the big buddy; Have the youth go thru classes with the buddy for at least one full day; by the time they have finished the series of four workshops they are ready to start school at CR; they have made year round housing at CR and HSU. THE AR-Academy of the Redwoods is a program that they can go to c/r get their diploma and start their first year classes at the same time. MAKING THE COLLEGE CAMPUS A FAMILIAR ENVIRONMENT for the Youth. Is there a possibility of meeting more often to get things started?? No—schedules are so booked right now that they haven't been able to meet as often. But if it's important, it can happen.

3.4 *Regional Business Advisory Groups - Strategies:* at the last youth council meeting staff was asked to work on the Target opportunities be more regional. Staff is planning on setting up a employer breakfast to get them together and talk about summer jobs—at which time targets of opportunities would be brought up. ***A Targets of Opportunities Advisory Panel*** will come from that—this is the initial strategy and there should be a formal proposal for the April meeting. Transitional-Age Youth comprehensive community resource matrix: Staff e-mailed this matrix to the YC. Should we and how could we invite these other entities to the YC to have a more comprehensive approach.

3.5 *Stimulus Package - Anticipated Youth funding, 2009 summer jobs:* See 3.2 for parts of this; Perfect opportunity to invite all the youth programs to a workshop to show them how to use the package to put youth to work. If staff can get some kind of flyer together to be delivered to the agencies by (Laura's helper)—give it a more personal touch opposed to an e-mail. Get stuff together before having breakfast; make sure we are ready to go before having this breakfast/meeting.

Stimulus money is for 14-24 year olds; must be disadvantaged; do we have strategies for 14-15 year olds?? Yes, we have marketing toward 14 year olds –but they have to be tracked differently; much more reporting to be done; STIMULUS MONEY WILL HELP TO PUT THE 14-15 YEAR OLDS TO WORK.

4. CLOSING

4.1 Next Meeting date and agenda topics: April 14th-agenda items, update on summer youth program, update meeting on foster youth, update on business advisory group, resource matrix: Have standing report at Youth Council from YPO meetings; April 14th is spring break and some members may be out of town; and put together a report streamlining the process;

4.2 Announcements: Unemployment rate of 11.1% in Humboldt County (Dennis was asked specifically). Southern Humboldt resource job site is having to change locations and they're talking and discussing this (reported by Mark Burtchett)

4.3 Adjournment: 4:48 p.m.