



## Humboldt County Workforce Investment Board

YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING  
Tuesday, January 13, 2009  
3:00-5:00 pm

Prosperity! Center Conference Room • 520 E Street • Eureka

### MINUTES

**Members Present:** Terry Coltra, Joe Davey, Maura Eastman, Dennis Mullins, Doug Rasines and Mark Schaffner.

**Members Absent:** Peter LaVallee, Kelly Remington and Jon Sapper

**Others Attending:** Eileen McGee, Brittney Ruf, JoAnn Sapper, Laura Chancellor, Jose Quezada and Sandy Alcaraz

#### 1. OPENING

1.1 Call to Order - Meeting came to order at 3:08

1.2 Self-introductions of Youth Council - Introductions were made around the table.

1.3 Adjustments to the Agenda - None

#### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

#### 3. DISCUSSION and ACTION ITEMS

3.1 Consent Agenda - Motion made to approve previous meetings minutes by Terry Coltra, second by Joe Davey, so carried.

3.2 StepUp and Digital Pathways Updates - A youth leadership conference is in the planning, to be known as the Youth Summit, expected to occur the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in March. A Digital Pathways team will be filming the summit, leading a workshop, and producing a DVD. Probation and HCOE indicated they may provide vans for transporting youth to the summit—will partner with ETD and combine forces for this purpose. Would like youth to be there but under a controlled situation. Question to length of StepUp: StepUp is a year round program, workshops are being given to youth on a monthly basis; students that have completed workshops are invited back for one-on-one assessments. Job Readiness Certificate is something that youth can receive as part of their training, once they have the skills needed to begin work. Laura will be joining the work group at the Job Market meeting for this purpose. Connie Lorenzo will be over at the Job Market as Job Market Manager soon, and will help assure youth and adult services supporting the

Job Readiness Certificate compliment one another. A Digital Pathways premiere will be happening during the night of Arts Alive, February 7, 6:30-8:30 PM. Youth from the original Hoopa class will also be presenting their work. *Will there be advertising specifically for this?* Yes, will get on the Arts Alive calendar as well as a press release to media. The goal is to get as many youth there as possible to present their work. Digital Pathways class scheduled during Presidents week will be for juvenile justice youth and foster care youth only. A follow-up class will take place again in the spring. Not a lot of movement in the Eel River Valley but Jon Sapper would like to bring something back to the YC about the newly proposed multigenerational facility in Fortuna. Trinidad Rancheria - Rachael Sundberg is hoping a Digital Pathways video crew is able to videotape stories from the elders at the Rancheria. Possible Native American funding may come about from this. College of the Redwoods has space (in the Valley West area) that they are willing to provide classroom space in order to join into the mix. Eileen McGee, instructor of Digital Pathways, filled YC in on how students have learned from these classes; how media savvy they are, how technology minded they are. Jose showed a quick video of Public Service Announcements the students produced. Students from Hoopa will be doing a presentation at a national statewide consortium in March.

### **3.3 WIA & StepUp for Youth Jobs Work Experience Policy and Procedure -**

Historically the EDD has used the county as the employer of record. The WIB Executive Committee wanted to fold WIB Work Experience policies with StepUp program together. We have found that YPOs inadvertently had program designs that gave youth \$15 incentive payments. Question: *When we're cutting small checks, like \$25.00, is it worth the time and effort involved?* Minimum levels for incentives will be set, probably \$50. Every Youth Program Operator has the opportunity to put kids to work, by having workshops. Program design will be foremost in their mind. The Program Operators will have an opportunity to submit their budgets each year. They will be able to use these funds as they see fit. We don't think the incentives will be an issue; could be gift certificates or some other gift; does not have to be a check. We're not going to prescribe how to spend YPO funds. Between now and the next YC meeting any input would be welcomed.

**Motion** made by Terry Coltra to accept Policies and Procedures as presented and move forward to the Executive Committee on February 5<sup>th</sup>. Second by Maura Eastman, motion carries.

**3.4 Youth Transition Action Team Activities** - Doug Rasines brought to the attention of the Youth Council that there are many groups working separately in the County. One concern is that it's critical that we all know what each other is working on; shouldn't be duplicating activities. Communication issue being of concern, he would like to have a standing agenda item for YTAT for the YC. Program information: California Connected at 25, keeping transition age youth in school, and transitioning these youth to post-secondary education. Housing and education is the emphasis. Subcommittee made from the YTAT, brainstorming around ideas as a county; how to keep kids in school and moving them onto higher education, more action planning. Funded by Casey Family Foundation. Humboldt County is one of 4 counties that is a pilot program for this. Problem concerning Foster Youth, if they get separated from their high school they seem to never get back. Once you've been released from Eureka High it's very difficult to get back in. Getting school administrators on board has been very difficult. Some kind of process to get them back on track is crucial. A group is now working on this process. Youth Job Club; update on that. Job Club for adults is moving along. Will try and keep giving updates from YTAT. There are currently 16 California YTAT's. It's one initiative that has started and kept moving forward maintaining its focus.

**3.5 Updates - Engaging Youth to Targets of Opportunity** - At our last meeting we mentioned that Jacqueline and Jon Sapper had talked to the Fortuna High School staff; McKinleyville High School will have a presentation of Targets of Opportunity as well. Ahn Fielding sent over a handout showing courses that College of the Redwoods offers, that tie directly to the Targets of Opportunity. Jacqueline and Jose will also be speaking to Fortuna High School students; Nicole has been asked to be a career speaker at Fortuna. Jose will follow up with a job readiness workshop, then guest speakers will be presenting in the classrooms from each target area. Jacqueline and Jon will do their presentation at any of the high schools. One of the facets of Targets is getting this information out to the youth. A lot of extended outreach is

being done. Possibly we could get some press coverage on this; Joann is working to get the word out about how Fortuna is working with its employers to get things accomplished. Possibly put out a newsletter that showcases what's being done in Fortuna, a way to emulate this at other schools. There's a workgroup at the Job Market that is working on ladders and lattices; 6 posters will be put out; each poster will have a target associated with it. Tomorrow morning the Job Market will be hosting a WEBINAR training.

**3.6 Updates - Private Employers Joining Youth Council** - We've had a few bites; an application out from Janet DePace, consultant from SBDC. Winzler and Kelly asked for an application, last YC meeting suggested that we get some response from the HR advisory group. Possibly may get a youth from the Foster Care program to become a member of the YC. Applications should be coming in soon.

**3.7 Consideration of New YC meeting location for Remainder of Year** - This space will no longer be available to us after this meeting today. We might consider the space next door (Foster Care/Kinship location around the corner). It's a place where youth gather, something congruous about having a meeting where youth are already gathering. Might make it easier to get youth representation this council. We can try to get the conference room on another date or keep our second Tuesday slot open for next door. Doug Rasines recommendation would be to move the meeting to this alternate location; keep current day and time. The Board concurs.

#### **4. CLOSING**

**4.1 Next Meeting date and agenda topics** - Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at the C/R Foster Parent and Kinship Care Education center from 3:00-5:00.

**4.2 Announcements** - RCAA was successfully awarded a grant, looking at host homes for runaway and homeless youth. Out of school youth program TPP, getting referrals. Had great news this morning, the governor is going to do the youth leadership program again. Planning a luncheon for people with disabilities, utilizing the systems and supports. Career technical conference at CR, Feb 7<sup>th</sup>. Census has 47 immediate openings for census takers.

**4.3 Adjournment** - Meeting adjourned at 4:42.