



Humboldt County Workforce Investment Board

YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, October 13, 2009

3:00-5:00 pm

Prosperity Center, Large Conference Room
520 E St, Eureka

Minutes

Members Present: Dennis Mullins, Doug Rasines, Kelly Remington Jon Sapper and Mark Schaffner Carolyn Albee

Members Absent:, Terry Coltra, Maura Eastman, Clarissa Handy, Peter LaVallee and Brad Remington

Others Attending:

1. OPENING

- 1.1 Call to Order – Meeting came to order at 3:07
- 1.2 Self-introductions of Youth Council members, staff and public – Introductions made around the table
- 1.3 Adjustments to the Agenda - None

1. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

2. DISCUSSION and ACTION ITEMS

- 3.1 Consent Agenda
 - 3.1.1 Approve minutes from August 18, 2009 Youth Council meetings – **Motion** made by Kelly Remington, second by Dennis Mullins to approve minutes from the August 18th meeting; so carried.
- 3.2 Youth Program Oral Reports –Total of 215 WIA kids placed in long term job; 66% in school, 44 % out of school. Twenty youth from probation and twenty from Social Services were also placed for a total of 255. With a population of 1.5 million, Phoenix had a target of helping 150 kids. Kelly asked if the foster numbers included youth that were both Foster and WIA. Nicole responded- No, this is only a tracking of funding sources. Nicole invited both Kelly and Carolyn to the next YPO meeting to discuss how to track. Many times these youth do not want to be identified as Foster Youth. Tracking is a very complex thing. Extra resources are available for being Foster Youth; Kelly needs those numbers if possible. Doug needs us to track the number of youth that were specifically probation. Jon complimented the YPO's and the number of youth they helped over the summer. He thought the celebration went well; youth had good things to say. *What did the youth have to say about what went well and what didn't go well with the program? What would they like to see improved?* Response to the CR classes varied depending on the instructor; positive/negative. Youth didn't want to take classes on Fridays. The younger kids didn't want to take the classes at all; this could be from a lack of maturity. Some youth felt that the content of the course was childish. Also, there was a wide age span to deal with; this could have affected the way the youth dealt with the information. Five

days of classes in a row seemed better than a 6-week period. We have two AmeriCorp people that are helping these students update their resumes as well as helping them find job. They certainly liked getting a paycheck. There were glitches in the payroll process but those are being worked out. Employers felt it was a reflection on them if the youth didn't receive a paycheck on time. *What did the employers have to say; what went well and what might we improve on?* Overall they loved the program. Very positive feedback from the employers; they want to do it again (Southern Humboldt). Some confusion; there were different YPO's placing youth with the same employer. It would be nice to have a standardized referral form for all YPO's. *The Job Market hasn't always been a youth friendly place; is that the case now?* A concerted effort was made to make these kids feel comfortable. Thirteen hundred (1300) youth have used the Job Market in the past 12 months. This year and next year will see a 10% increase in funds. Per Youth Program instruction approximately 80% of funds go to the YPO's; 16% to StepUp; 4% to WIB staff. This money is split among a lot of pies. The stimulus money straddles 2008/09 and 2010/11. That money can be dribbled along over the next 2 fiscal years. Through March of 2010 we can do out- of- school placements with the guidelines from summer; abbreviated forms. There should be a carry over of funds from 09/10 into 10/11. The Secretary of State is pushing to get another year of ARRA funding for youth. We're excited to announce that we received funding for 1.6 million dollars for green collar jobs as well as for pre-apprentice jobs. We will be working closely with CR on this. The students have to be WIA eligible to participate. These funds will help 100 youth; training will last 6 months and will include all remedial training, course work and employment in a work experience program. *What's the local market in these areas?* This is a market stimulation project; the market is growing rapidly. A year from now the economy will be in a different place.

3.3 Eel River Valley Digital Pathways presentation by Joann Sapper – Following are highlights from a PowerPoint presentation:

- Humboldt County is in an economic shift with a decline in natural resource based industries; need to provide new economic opportunities
- This lab will facilitate career training in the areas of web design, visual design, web programming, vide editing and sound studio editing
- Will receive Adobe certification
- FUHS will become an Adobe Certiport testing center for our community
- Why become a testing center? Closest location is San Francisco or Los Angeles
- Benefits to our area include local support of web page, locally trained digital designers, keeps money in Humboldt County and improved web presence will attract people to our area
- Participants will receive certifications, portfolio and work experience. Our goal is an 80% job placement or furthering their education at a local college in Digital Design

What's going to be our role in this function? Do we want to put money into the project? Looking at a meeting in November to see what the Youth Council might want to do to help get this project off the ground. *How do we get continuity going for another summer program or sustainability over time?* This could possibly work into a regional program.

- 3.4 Planning for Program Years 2009-10 and 2010-11, what happens after ARRA funding? – No time to discuss this topic.
- 3.5 Youth Transition Action Team (YTAT) Updates – YTAT in the past month has focused on our transition aged and homeless youth in Humboldt County; locating and creating an emphasis on affordable housing. *How do you maintain affordable housing?* Last YTAT meeting had a great showing of affordable housing programs; several youth attended. One youth spoke of struggles and accomplishments she and her family are facing. There will be a very strong partnership with RCAA; can't keep the housing unless there is a way to support it. We will continue to work with the employment people on this.

4. CLOSING

- 4.1 Next Meeting date and agenda topics – November 10th, no December meeting
- 4.2 Announcements – Decade of Difference Initiative will be getting started in the next 45-60 days. Job Fair behind General Hospital; hiring 15 positions. Laura has fliers to put out.

Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 5:00