



Humboldt County Workforce Investment Board

YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, August 11, 2009

3:00-5:00 pm

C/R Foster Parent & Kinship Care Education Center

333 Sixth St, Eureka

MINUTES

Members Present: Clarissa Handy, Dennis Mullins, Doug Rasines (Vice-Chair), Kelly Remington, Jon Sapper (Chair) and Mark Schaffner

Members Absent: Terry Coltra, Joe Davey, Maura Eastman, peter LaVallee and Brad Remington

Others Attending: Carolyn Albee, Bruce Alexander, Donna Bullard, Laura Chancellor and Joann Sapper

1. OPENING

1.1 **Call to Order** - Jon Sapper brought the meeting came to order at 3:03 pm

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

1.3 **Adjustments to the Agenda** - Add recognition of Jose Quezada to Public Comment

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT** - The Youth Council thanked Jose Quezada for his twenty-two years of service. Members of the Board recognized him for a job well done. Jose commented about his work with the Youth Program Operators; how exciting it's been over the years to be a part of the program and to watch it grow.

3. DISCUSSION and ACTION ITEMS

3.1 **Consent Agenda** - Approve minutes from May 12, 2009 meeting and accept membership application from Carolyn Albee - **Motion** made by Doug Rasines, second by Mark Schaffner to approve the minutes and application; so carried.

3.2 **Discussion of serving youth with disabilities** - Mark Schaffner wanted an opportunity to speak with the Youth Program Operators about any difficulties that might have occurred over the summer. *How did the StepUp program work with kids with disabilities?* They re-educated employers; many disabled youth worked over the summer with various employers. Steve Hughes presented at a recent YPO meeting to make clear the laws concerning peoples with disabilities. Generalized questions could be asked of the employer if they found any problems or concerns with accommodating these youth. On the ISS there is a section that asks if you have any disabilities or health concerns; students can then reply if they have special needs. *How many youth did we serve with disabilities?* More than the national average.

3.3 **Youth Summer Program Updates** - Jose cited the 220 WIA kids that were served; two hundred was the goal. If we include students from Probation and SSB we have served over 312. Digital Pathways class had their premiere; it was a huge success. CCC has 25 youth involved in their program; they will be wrapping up Thursday of this week. Southern Humboldt wrapped up their Culinary Institute; they served a 7 course meal under the Redwoods. We're excited to send a youth from Peach Bond's

district to Sacramento in September. Laura Chancellor and David Limm will be going down as well for this state level celebration. September 29th we will be giving a presentation to the BOS. Each region will be holding their own celebrations; youth will receive recognition for their work over the summer, there will be slide shows of the different worksites; presentations and short projects from Digital Pathways and upbeat stories from youth about their summer experiences. Laura has been laying track every day; putting together orientations and setting up workshops every week for incoming kids. Two of the workshops offered are a CPR class and an emotional intelligence test; the kids are totally engaged with this. Bob Millwood from ETD is the instructor for this workshop. *Can this be brought out to the different regions?* Possibly, Laura will check to see if it's feasible. Everyone is very pleased with the Digital Pathways class that just finished; 22 kids started and 21 completed the course. All of the youth did 2 or 3 projects during their 3-week course. These and previous students that completed the course will be doing work for Access Humboldt as well as other organizations around town. Next summer there will need to be a change in how youth are tracked; discern Foster Youth from Probation. This has been done to some extent this summer but have found it difficult to monitor. Joann Sapper is interested in putting an Apple Computer Lab out in Fortuna to enable Digital Pathways courses to be taught in the Eel River Valley. Joann is requesting funds to help set up a lab. At the September meeting she will bring a scope of work and proposal for the Youth Council to look over. We will take a look at the original MOU created at the beginning of Digital Pathways; can look at the funding that happened then and see if it applies here. We might want to look at putting a similar program in Northern Humboldt as well. St. Joe's work agreement; trying to get StepUp as the employer of record. *Who would take responsibility if there is a breach of HIPPA, the County or St. Joe's?* The hospital doesn't want to take responsibility; any problems could cause large fines for them. The County is saying that the hospital is doing the training so the students should be under the responsibility of St. Joe's. We will have further discussion and an update on this topic at the September meeting. *Work Readiness Program; can this be taken on the road?* Three or four years ago there was a willingness for employers to pay for individuals who had a bonified Work Readiness Certificate. If there is a package that could be put together it may be of benefit for local employers; it's something to think about. Premium wages could be given to those people who have completed a course such as this. We might consider linking Digital Pathways and PORTS (Parks Online Resources for Teachers and Students); this is a California State parks system. We will be hearing more about this in the future. We should begin conversations that go past ARRA and stimulus funds. How do we transition with fewer funds available; the good work needs to continue. We need to work towards sustainability.

3.4 Youth Transition Action Team Updates - None

4. CLOSING

4.1 Next Meeting date and agenda topics - September 8th, 2009

4.2 Announcements - None

4.3 Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 4:58 pm