



Humboldt County Workforce Investment Board
YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, November 10, 2009
3:00-5:00
C/R Foster Parent & Kinship Care Education Center
333 Sixth Street, Eureka

NOTES

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

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

Others Attending: Bruce Alexander, Peach Bond, Laura Chancellor, Michele Enenstein, JoAnn Sapper, Nicole Morrow and Sandy Alcaraz

1. OPENING

1.1 Call to Order – Jon Sapper brought the meeting to order at 3:02

1.2 Self – introductions of Youth Council members, staff and public –
Introductions were made around the table.

1.3 Adjustments to the Agenda – We're currently looking at changing Digital Pathways; we were anticipating a full report today. Instead Nicole will give a brief update and have a full report at the next meeting; that report will recap the summer program. Questions, thoughts or issues that are brought up today will be answered at the next meeting.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

3. DISCUSSION and ACTION ITEMS

3.1 Approve minutes from October 13, 2009 Youth Council meeting – No motion made; quorum wasn't met.

3.2 Eel River Valley Digital Pathways – There has been a request to the Headwaters Fund for \$48,000 to purchase Mac computers for the lab. There will be a certification cost of \$2,500 to become an Adobe CERTIport certification center. The hope is that this cost could be shared with others using the testing center. They will continue to look for grants through Area Humboldt Foundation and others. Looking into the 21st Century grant for after school programs; looks like the financial picture there is a commitment of \$75,000 of in-kind support. The balance of \$28,000 is where they are looking to get funds. Humboldt Area Foundation gave an application to JoAnn Sapper today; possibility of other grants available. Also there's the possibility of successful fundraising from the community. The school is going ahead with classes and registration; being proactive and making a commitment that this will be up and running for the 2010/11 school year. *Is there support from the Fortuna School Board?* They're on the docket for tonight's meeting; Board members are fired up about the idea. Pretty sure the Board will be 100% supportive. What's

the involvement from the business community; is anyone jumping on board? Precision Intermedia is on the Board; they are planning to take on interns. Looking at getting the kids articulation credits from CR. The lab and instruction is not limited to students of Fortuna High but will include community members as well. Night classes as well as summer classes will be held. *What do you think the demand will be for this certification?* No studies have been done yet; have had to turn kids down though with the current program. We're looking to start with 20 computers with 20 students per year so by year 3 we should have 60 students enrolled. The site license would be good for all computers on the high school campus. Is there any conversation from the Digital Pathways program going on now? Beginning, intermediate and advanced classes are being looked at. Work Experience will come in as the youth become more prepared. There's interest in creating a production company from some of the graduates from these short courses we're offering. The WIB is revisiting the MOU this next February; we might bring you in on this discussion. *Can we move this as an action item to our next meeting?* In the interim we (Jon and Nicole) could have some conversation and begin to explore what kind of support is still needed and what funds may be available.

- 3.3 Future of Digital Pathways** – We took a few minutes to watch a video highlighting the summer StepUp program with clips from the StepUp Celebration. This is not the final cut of the video but will be finalized and sent to potential funders. In the politics of things we need to capture this information. This might be a good tool to use to get unrestricted funds; we want youth driven programs and this is good for lobbying. There's a possibility that we will have another round of stimulus funding next year; the question is being raised.
- 3.4 Strategic Planning for Years 2009-10 and 2010-11** – This is a continuation of what we talked about last meeting. The real issue is that the Youth Council might want to enter into some discussion as to how to be involved in the future. The success of the program has expectations now. *What do we do about that? What are some directions that we should consider; how do we move this to the next level? What if no more stimulus funds come in; how do we support this?* Seeking out new funding sources now. Umpqua Bank has approached Laura about applying for grants. The stimulus funds that are coming through DHHS will be able to be connected with the business owners that we set up over the summer for our youth. Limited number of youth that will be eligible for these funds however. *Are there considerations for youth in Southern Humboldt or Klamath-Trinity?* The products that Laura is currently working on will be going on the road; orientation, workshops, financial literacy, etc. Whatever services are being provided in Eureka should be available to all areas. *What is the overall strategy?* Could look at a matrix of funding cycles. There are significant differences between regions having different resources in each area. *What efforts have been made to reach out to the Family Resource Centers?* We could ask representatives from FRC to sit in on some meetings. *How does this fit into strategic planning?* We need to talk about reaching out to the entire region as part of our strategic plan; we need to be open to suggestions. We're going to need to transition especially if ARRA funds are no longer available. Would like to see a matrix of all funding and programs available and look at decentralizing the youth employment programs. The employer advisory groups are going to be the people who pick up on this. Employers can't be passive; we're handing them ways to develop a workforce. There are problems getting kids

into the healthcare arena at St. Joe's due to liability issues. This issue needs a solution; put on agenda for next meeting. We can't afford to miss opportunities for youth to participate in the healthcare industry.

3.5 Step-Up Debriefing Session – All YPO's came together along with partners of the Job Market and hashed through what happened over the summer. So many people working all over the region; this was in appreciation of what everyone did and how hard they worked. A second debriefing session was held today; got more results. We wanted to look at issues and figure out solutions. Some of the issues that are being addressed are payroll (looking at the process), CR Readiness program, job site supervisor orientation and supervisor training. The momentum has been great; don't want to lose that.

3.6 Youth Program Updates – None

3.7 Youth Transition Action Team (YTAT) Updates – Continuing to meet on a monthly basis. Last YTAT meeting continued conversation about accessing affordable housing for youth. This would provide the County with 25 additional vouchers. This would be in conjunction with the Humboldt County Housing Authority.

4. CLOSING

4.1 Next Meeting date and agenda topics – Digital Pathways, Strategic Plan, HIPPA and YPO reports. We're having difficulty getting members to show up at meetings. Nicole will make calls to see if these members are still interested in sitting on the Board.

4.2 Announcement – None

4.3 Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 5:00pm