

San Bernardino County
Workforce Investment Board
Youth Council Meeting

MINUTES
Thursday, May 7, 2015

- 1) Opening
 - a) Chair Lowell King called meeting to order at 11:46 a.m. Teresa Taylor led Youth Council members in the Pledge of Allegiance.
 - b) Members heard a success story from Stacia Shaver representing Mental Health Systems, Inc. Video presentation of Kyra- a single mom who is attending college with the goal of becoming a teacher. Kyra shared how the WIA program has helped her continue her education and reach some of her personal and career goals.
 - c) Introductions were made and Kristi Sandberg noted attendance. Chair gave opening statements about Ad Hoc meetings related to Youth Provider presentations and review of Youth Provider proposals. The Ad Hoc committee members that reviewed the Youth Provider proposals were appointed by WIB Chair Tony Myrell due to conflict of interest for Youth Council Chair Lowell King.

Comm. Members Present

Lowell King
Tony Myrell
Janice Simmons
Jacqueline White
Joseph Williams
Teresa Taylor
Audrey Mathews
Phil Cothran
Edwina Hendrix
Jonathan Weldy
Rod Hoover
Stephanie Houston

**Comm. Members
Excused**

Claudia Lopez

**Comm. Members
Unexcused**

Laniaea Dominguez
Alexey Blames
Amy Cousineau
Kathy Dutton

WDD Staff Present

Sandy Harmsen
Miguel McQueen
Fred Burks
Emily Petrus
Kristi Sandberg

WIB Members Present

- 2) Consent Items
 - a) Motion to approve Item 2a- Minutes from the January 21, 2015 Youth Council meeting by Joseph Williams. Abstentions by Rod Hoover and Jonathan Weldy. Motion carried.
- 3) Discussion Items
 - a) Before beginning discussion about Youth Provider Contracts Lowell King, Jackie White, Teresa Taylor left the room due to conflict of interest. Tony Myrell assumed chair position of Youth Council in Lowell's absence. Phil Cothran described process used by Ad Hoc Committee at proposal review and said that the Ad Hoc committee consisted of Phil Cothran, Audrey Mathews, and Janice Simmons. Ad Hoc reviewed performance of current providers and monitor reports. Ad Hoc committee accepted recommendation from WDD staff regarding funding amounts for Youth contracts. Phil Cothran motioned to approve funding recommendation. Motion carried. Lowell King, Jackie White, and

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Teresa Taylor abstaining from vote. Following vote, Lowell King, Jackie White, and Teresa Taylor returned to the room. Lowell King assumed chairmanship of Youth Council.

4) Information Items

- a) Special presentation by Emily Petrus about the CYEP (CalWORKs Youth Employment Program) (power point). Highlights: 1002 youth referred and 140 gained unsubsidized employment as of April 30, 2015. As of March 31, 2015- 646 youth completed program. Phil Cothran asked why some of the youth do not take advantage of the entire 486 hours of employment: Jackie White answered explained that some of the youth are not always ready to work the total amount of hours and Teresa Taylor mentioned that some youth are hired full-time before they can complete all the hours. Other members talked about issues surrounding the youth mentality, education, transportation, child care issues, etc. of the youth in the CYEP program. Members discussed funding issues related to number of youth and total number of hours worked. Joseph Williams mentioned the importance of this program and the summer youth work programs. CRY-ROP is doing summer internships for youth to gain work experience. Sandy mentioned the possible connection with San Bernardino County schools to help augment the youth work experience and employment programs. Teresa Taylor pointed out the advantage of having a third party helping to monitor the youth so that they are successful in their “first job”. Phil asked about the reason for Youth Providers needing to meet all nine or ten elements of performance. Youth Providers explained that they are responsible for making sure that the youth have access to all elements but may not specifically provide every element at facility because of collaborations with other providers in that they utilize referrals among each other to make youth is receiving well-rounded services. Members discussed future reports they would like to review- total number of employments across all youth funding streams and number of youth entering advanced training or higher education. Staff mentioned there are current discussions with TAD for a two year extension of the CYEP MOU. Audrey suggested creation of an Ad Hoc committee to focus on the MOUs and youth employment issues.
 - b) County Report by Sandy Harmsen
 - i) Budget update- Staff is working on budget and expectation is for level funding.
 - ii) CWA Spring Conference is next week in Anaheim.
 - iii) WIOA update- Staff is currently reviewing the federal rules. We are anticipating receiving state regulations by July/August.
 - iv) Executive Committee WIB retreat- Members met to plan strategy and high-level policy direction for the upcoming year. Executive members reported that the retreat was insightful and very meaningful and that the committee was able to accomplish a great deal of work.
 - v) Slingshot update- Collaborating with Riverside. Sandy and Tony will be at meeting next week to present proposal to state representatives. The overall purpose of the Slingshot project is for the region to make sure people are being trained for demand sector jobs with the WIBs being the convener and connector between business, educators, and training.
- 5) Public Comments- Tony Myrell announced that Sandy Harmsen will be receiving the CWA Lifetime Achievement Award.
- 6) Motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:11 p.m. by Tony Myrell. Motion carried.

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