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SACRAMENTO WORKS, INC. YOUTH COUNCIL

Date: Thursday, January 8, 2004
Time: **4:00 p.m.**
Location: SETA - Shasta Room
925 Del Paso Blvd.
Sacramento, CA 95815

A G E N D A

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Category #1: Organize/Optimize

2. Consent Items: Approval of November 6, 2003 minutes
3. Organize for Action – Appointment to and break out into workgroups
 - Youth Leadership & Support
 - Community Awareness
 - Positive Career Development
 - Evaluation & Quality Assurance

Category #2 Youth Voice: Report from WIA Youth Collaboratives – Due to time constraints, this item is postponed to next meeting.

Category #3 Engaging, Educating & Coordinating – Youth, Community & Projects

4. Timed Action Item: 4:50 p.m.
Report back from Youth Council Workgroups and Approval of Recommendations of Workgroup Action steps.
5. Other Business – Members of the Board and public

Members: Dr. James Hernandez (Chairperson), Yolette Barnes, Mike Brunelle, LaShelle Dozier, Deanna Hanson, John Koogler, Rick Larkey, Gerry Lawrence, Bina Lefkowitz, Jennifer Lopez, Maurice Read, Anthony Simpson, Larry Sinor, Keri Thomas, William Warwick.

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Minutes/Synopsis

SETA Board Room
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Thursday, November 6, 2003
4:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call: Dr. Hernandez called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m. Mr. Anthony Simpson was welcomed to the Youth Council as a new member.

Members Present: Yolette Barnes, LaShelle Dozier, John Koogle, Gerry Lawrence, Bina Lefkowitz, Jennifer Lopez, Maurice Read, Anthony Simpson, Larry Sinor, Keri Thomas, William Warwick, Dr. James Hernandez.

Members Absent: Mike Brunelle, Deanna Hanson, Rick Larkey.

Category #1: Organize/Optimize

2. Action Item: Approval of the September 4, 2003 minutes

Minutes were reviewed. There were no corrections.

Moved/Read, second/Sinor, to approve the minutes as distributed.
Voice Vote: Unanimous approval.

3. Information Item: Report from Youth in Focus on Resource Mapping

Mr. Jonathan London from the youth mapping program explained that youth mapping builds youth leadership and develops academic and career-relevant skills. Mr. London suggests that technical support be more available and the program hosting be linked without a separate RFP. The program ended and there was no way to follow through the suggested implementations requested by the youth. Six of the youth providers are doing mapping throughout the county.

Mr. Read requested a copy of the final project. The Big Mappers came up with a survey tool which was distributed by Mr. Snaer.

Mr. Read stated that he thought the mapping was to determine what RESOURCES are available in the area. The survey seems to be more personal to the youth. Mr. London explained the various types of mapping. Mr. Read wants to see what resources are lacking in the area.

Ms. Sharon Rawls from San Juan stated that the district would be mapped in the critical industry areas. Mr. Read asked to see the survey questions that San

Juan will develop. Questions will be provided to the Youth Council to ensure that it is in line with the goals of the Youth Council.

There was a great deal of discussion regarding what youth mapping was and if the final report was what was funded. Mr. London feels that the youth led project is information that we as adults cannot get because it is coming from a youth perspective and youth-to-youth discussions.

Dr. Hernandez suggested that the future reports have more background information and how the data was gathered. Ms. Lefkovitz stated that this is a beginning report and will change over time. She would like to see the mapping tied to our strategic plan.

Mr. London stated that this is a learning process and will provide a good background area for future mapping processes. This is one piece of the mapping process....there are other pieces as well.

Mr. Read stated that the report does not do what the youth mapping program was supposed. Jennifer Lopez from LaFamilia stated that this is a beginning, and a good learning experience. The youth was not actually told what to do....they decided what to do in the mapping. If the Youth Council wanted the report one way, the members should have attended their meetings.

Ms. Welsch stated reminded the Council that this is a YOUTH led project.

Ms. Purdy stated that it would be good for the Youth Council to give some direction to the youth mappers on where the questioning should go. Should it be employment directed or resource directed?

Mr. Lawrence wants to know where kids can get jobs and why those employers hire kids. On the periphery, what about transportation that supports kids getting jobs. He is not that interested in the social part of the mapping, but more employment related questions.

Mr. Snaer stated that we have to be very careful about what we ask of the youth mappers. The resources are VERY limited and the staff support and technical assistance is also very limited. The current mapping project is not a separately funded activity but rather a part of the many activities of the Youth Specialists. Additionally, the Youth Mapping Projects are moving forward and any input or direction from the Youth Council needs to happen immediately.

4. Information Item: Review of Critical Issues Developed at Youth Council Retreat

The notes from the first retreat were reviewed. The second part of the retreat will be reviewed by the next retreat.

6. Action Item: Review and Modification of Youth Council Committee Structure

Ms. Welsch reviewed the committee structures and the emphasis on each.

This item will be reviewed in January after the second retreat.

7. Information Item: Discussion of Planning process for FY2005 (Extension vs. RFP -- strategies for getting input)

Ms. Welsch stated that this item was suggested in preparation for the next funding cycle so that there be more public input. The Youth Council needs to make a decision about extending current contracts or releasing a new RFP.

Mr. Warwick wants to have the proposers make a presentation before the Youth Council about their program results.

8. Action Item: Report from the Quality Committee and Approval of Recommendations: No action taken since Mr. Brunelle was not present.

Category #2: Youth Voice – No items.

Category #3: Engaging, Educating & Coordinating – Youth, Community & Projects

9. Review of Correspondence from Legal Counsel regarding Conflict of Interest

Mr. Cunningham stated that if members feel that the COI is too restrictive, he would sit down and review it thoroughly.

Ms. Barnes and Ms. Lefkovitz both said that they have potential conflicts which they will discuss with Mr. Cunningham.

Ms. Jennifer Lopez was welcomed to the board. Samaria Ayers has already resigned from the board because she cannot attend Thursday meetings.

The Retreat is scheduled for December 4, 2:00 – 5:00 p.m., at Sierra Health Foundation.

9. Other Business – Members of the Board and public

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

ITEM 3 – ACTION

Organize for Action – Appointment to and break out into workgroups

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BACKGROUND:

The Implementation Plan developed at the recent Youth Council retreat identified four new Workgroups. The following chart illustrates the members assigned to the four workgroups. A copy of the Sacramento Works Youth Council Implementation Plan is attached.

Youth Leadership & Support	Jennifer Lopez Bina Lefkovitz Robin Purdy
Community Awareness	LaShelle Dozier Maurice Read Anthony Simpson Mark Snaer
Positive Career Development	Deanna Hanson Gerry Lawrence Jim Hernandez Christine Welsch
Evaluation & Quality Assurance	To be determined

RECOMMENDATION:

Workgroups will meet and update/finalize the Implementation Plan and Workgroup Action steps.

ITEM 4 - TIMED ACTION ITEM: 4:50 P.M.

Report back from Youth Council Workgroups and Approval of Recommendations of Workgroup Action steps.