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Meeting of the Sacramento Works Youth Council

Date: Wednesday, November 4, 2009

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Location: SETA Board Room
925 Del Paso Blvd., Suite 100
Sacramento, CA 95815

AGENDA

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Welcome New Members
2. Review and Approval of Minutes of the September 9, 2009 meeting
3. Review and Approval of Youth Council Goals and Strategies
(will be sent under separate cover)
4. Update on Sacramento Works for Youth Employment program & other happenings!
5. Other business

Members: Mike Brunelle, Shuntae Campbell, Mike Egan, Patricia Espinosa, Matt Kelly, John Koogle, Bina Lefkovitz, Mika Lytell, Dennis Morin, Deborah Portela, Maurice Read, Jeanette Rodriguez, David Younger, and Thomas Zender.

DISTRIBUTION DATE: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2009

**Meeting of the
SACRAMENTO WORKS, INC. YOUTH COUNCIL**

SETA-Board Room
925 Del Paso Blvd.
Sacramento, CA 95815

Wednesday, September 9, 2009
8:30 a.m.

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call:** Mr. Kelly called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m. and Ms. Welsch took roll call.

Members Present: Mike Brunelle, Deborah Portela, Mike Egan, Patricia Espinosa, Matt Kelly, Bina Lefkovitz, Dennis Morin, Maurice Reed, David Younger, and Thomas Zender.

Members Absent: Shuntae Campbell, John Koogle, Mika Lytell, and Jeanette Rodriguez.

Others Present: Christine Welsch, Julie Davis-Jaffe, Becky Walton, Bette Blanchard, Dee Galvador, Katy Robb, Yolanda Chavez, Inez Reyes, Alex Laiewski, Liz Lutrelle, Cindy Dunning, Sean Saevang, Ryan, two youth.

2. **Review and approval of Minutes of the May 13, 2009 meeting**

No questions or comments

Moved approval by Mr. Read, second by Ms. Lefkovitz. The minutes of May 13, 2009 were approved.

3. **Youth Voice Update:** Julie Davis-Jaffe gave a brief update on the Sacramento Works for Youth Summer Employment Program. Ms. Davis-Jaffe stated the summer was successful by employing 960 youth, and there were 208 employers. Over \$1.4 million in wages was earned by the youth this summer. Employers included: Black Chamber of Commerce Boys and Girls Club, Burlington Coat Factory, California Board of Community Colleges, Citrus Heights Chamber of Commerce, Dimple Records, City of Sacramento, State of California, several park districts, and ACE Hardware.

Mr. Kelly thanked SETA Staff, and the providers for putting 960 youth to work this summer.

Mr. Laiewski presented Links Corps from the Sacramento County Office of Education. Thirty youth participated in two weeks of classroom, Work Readiness Skills, and four weeks in a Work Experience (Community Service) developing a community garden. There was five staff from Ameri-Corps, a CPE/ROP instructor, and a case manager. Mr. Laiewski showed a Power Point Presentation of the beginning of the Garden Project to the completion of the project.

Inez Reyes (Sacramento County Office of Education) gave a background on the project. Ms. Reyes stated the project is a Served Based Learning to engage

youth from Community/Court based schools. The Community schools, Sacramento County Office of Education recruited from were Gerber Road Community School, North Area Community School, and E.L. Hickey. Youth from the Boys Ranch Court-based School also participated. The Boys Ranch worked in wood working and metal shops creating an arbor and benches. Home Depot came out to the Garden Project and did a demo on how to install PVC piping.

Two youth from Sacramento County Office of Education spoke about their participation in the program. When asked by the Youth Council of their plans after graduation in June 2010 - both youth stated they wanted to attend college. Ms. Reyes stated the summer program was very quick, but ran smoothly with payroll, technical assistance and wanted to commend SETA Staff. She stated she is looking forward to next summer.

Mr. Morin also wanted to commend SETA Staff, the Providers and Sacramento County Office of Education.

Mr. Zender wanted to know if there was an emblem or something that showed what took place this summer. Ms. Reyes stated, certificates with the ARRA logo were given to the youth, and news articles mentioned the stimulus money.

4. **ACTION ITEM: Review and Approval of Staff recommendations for 2009-2010 ARRA (Recovery Act) WIA Year-round Youth Services**

Ms. Welsch provided an overview of the criteria used to evaluate current summer (Recovery Act) providers to provide services as year-round youth providers:

1. Program performance and service delivery
2. Required documentation and SMARTware (including JTA, Payroll, case notes, etc)
3. Federal, Local and programmatic guidelines
4. Worksite coordination
5. Staff responsiveness

Finally, in consideration of current WIA Youth program goals and performance, the following factors were reviewed:

- Demonstrated ability to provide all WIA elements and meet program performance
- Demonstrated ability to serve under-served target populations and geographic areas.

Ms. Welsch stated there were nineteen providers, and twelve were new to the WIA program. Based on the above criteria, Ms. Welsch stated four new providers are being recommended for the year-round program. Those four are as follows:

1. California Human Development Corporation served 40 youth this summer and targets Sacramento County with special focus on Galt and River Delta. Recommended funding of \$127,300 to serve 30 youth.

Yolanda Chavez, Supervisor for CHDC was asked to speak on the programs; behalf. Ms. Chavez stated they placed youth in community service projects at Galt Parks and Recreation. Youth were also placed in retail. All youth attended Work Readiness classes. She stated that all youth were English speaking, some were limited and some had a high school diploma. Mr. Morin asked Ms. Chavez to define a youth migrant worker. Ms. Chavez stated in the past migrant families followed the crops from cities, counties and even states. Now, migrant workers and their families will follow the crops but return to Sacramento.

2. Crossroads Diversified Services served 56 youth in Citrus Heights and Rancho Cordova. Crossroads has a long history of serving under-served youth including youth with disabilities and will target the underserved areas of Citrus Heights and/or Rancho Cordova. Recommend funding of \$118,925 to serve 30 youth.
3. Lao Family Community Development served 50 youth in South Sacramento primarily focusing on the Southeast Asian, refugee and immigrant youth and children of asylees and refugees. Lao Family will serve the South Sacramento area. Recommend funding of \$120, 550 to serve 30 youth.

Mr. Read asked Lao Family if the South East Asian Community was the only population served by this agency. Sean Saevang stated they do serve the South East Asian population, but they also serve all populations as long as they meet the criteria.

4. Mutual Assistance Network served 20 youth in the Del Paso heights area and North Sacramento areas. MAN will be targeting the Del Paso Heights area. Recommend funding of \$114,520 to serve 30 youth.

Mr. Read asked about the youth wages that was indicated in a chart. Ms. Welsch stated all recommended programs are serving the same number of youth and the proposed amount designated for youth wages was indicated. Ms. Welsch also stated the providers will be allowed to carry-over some youth from the summer program.

Staff is recommending allocating \$481,295 in Recovery Act/WIA Youth funds for services for the period of October 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010. This funding will serve an additional 120 youth in the year round-program. This will allow sufficient funds to serve approximately 900 youth in the year-round program in 2009-2010. This recommendation includes an option to extend based on available funding and program performance.

Ms. Welsch stated the year-round program will start October 1, 2009 and end June 30, 2010. Ms. Welsch stated the providers will either choose to serve either In-School or Out-of-School youth with specific programmatic and performance requirements. Ms. Welsch stated both the year-round program and the summer program for next year will overlap.

Staff plans to bring recommendations for Summer 2010 funding to the Youth Council in early 2010. That will allow providers a longer planning period to prepare for the Summer 2010 Sacramento Works for Youth program. The youth will start the Summer Program in June 2010.

Mr. Younger asked how many youth are being served in the current Year-Round WIA Youth program. Ms. Welsch stated 600 youth are being served currently, 120 additional youth will be served with Recovery Act funding this year. Additionally, over 4000 youth have visited a Universal Youth Specialist in the career center in the past year.

Mr. Egan asked for more details on program management, budgets and supportive services. Ms. Welsch responded that each program budget is specific to that organization – usually with a suggested amount to be direct participant costs.

Mr. Phil Cunningham reminded members to disclose any conflict of interest with the recommendation of the four providers. If they did, they needed to recuse themselves.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the staff recommendation funding for the Recovery Act / WIA, Year-round Youth Services 2009 in the amount of \$481,295 for the four listed providers.

Moved / Mr. Morin, second/Mr. Zender, to approve the funding of the four listed providers for the Year-round youth Services 2009-2010 in the amount of \$481,295.

Roll call Vote: Aye: 9, Nay: 0, Abstentions: 0

5. Review and approval of Youth Council goals and strategies

There are six goals and strategies the Youth Council developed at the WIB retreat earlier this year. At the May meeting, it was agreed these would be reviewed and that measurements would be developed at a later date. Ms. Welsch stated that SETA has engaged in services of a consultant to help guide through the development of these measurements. Ms. Welsch stated it was encouraged to limit the number of strategies to three (3).

Ms. Welsch introduced Ryan Sharp as the consultant to this project. Mr. Sharp stated a strategic plan to create performance and measurements is suggested. Ms. Welsch stated Ms. Lefkovitz recommended strategies 1 and 2, 4 and 5 be merged for common language purposes. Mr. Egan doesn't feel that the strategies should be combined. It was recommended by Mr. Kelly that a sub-committee be formed. The sub-committee will consist of: Patricia Espinosa, Matt Kelly, Mike Egan, Ryan Sharp, and Christine Welsch. The date was set for the first meeting, September 15, 2009 at 9:00 am. The meeting will be held at SETA.

6. Other Business

Ms. Welsch stated the Youth Council was among the first "youth boards/commissions" to sign the Regional Youth Compact (previously known as Ready by 21). Ms. Welsch stated there will be a public recognition on September 22 and members are encouraged to attend.

Ms. Welsch gave an update on the Green Jobs Corps. She stated SETA was one of eleven entities to receive this grant award. Ms. Welsch provided a brief overview of the program and the proposed providers including California Conservation Corps, Sacramento Tree Foundation, Center for Land Based Learning, (located in Winters), and Soil Born Farms. SETA is also partnering with North Central Counties Consortium, Golden Sierra and Yolo County One-Stop to serve youth in their respective areas. Ms. Welsch stated the youth will receive case management, "Green Literacy" training, and training and employment in green jobs.

Ms. Welsch provided a brief update on the Youth Council Initiative – Human Services pathway. She thanked Mr. Brunelle for his contributions on behalf of the Sacramento City Unified School District – he and his staff helped recruit for the Human Services Career Pathway and provided the work readiness class and arranged the work experience. The Human Services program had 20 juniors and seniors attending a work readiness class, work experience and attended Sac City College in the evening. The intention is to continue this into a year-round program. Ms. Walton, who case managed these youth, is working with Sacramento City College, and Sacramento City Unified School District to obtain more activities for the youth in the year-round program.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.