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Meeting of the Sacramento Works Youth Council

Date: Tuesday, January 18, 2011

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
2. Review and Approval of Minutes of the December 8, 2010 Meeting
3. Review and Approval of the Request for Proposals for WIA Youth Program Services for Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2011
4. Other business

Members: Ron Barroga, Brian Broadway, Patricia Espinosa, Matt Kelly, Bina Lefkovitz, Philip Moore, Dennis Morin, Deborah Portela, Maurice Read, Nicole Sohm, David Younger.

DISTRIBUTION DATE: TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2011

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

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

Wednesday, December 8, 2010
8:30 a.m.

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call:** Mr. Kelly called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

Members Present: Ron Barroga, Brian Broadway, Patricia Espinosa, Matt Kelly, Philip Moore, Maurice Read, Nicole Sohm, David Younger.

Members Absent: Dennis Morin, Deborah Portela.

Others Present: Phil Cunningham, Christine Welsch, Julie Davis-Jaffe, Pam Moore, Stacy Heu, Ginger Brunson, Mike Brim, Marty Araiza, Monica Flores, Dee Galvador, Marty Araiza, Inez Reyes,

➤ Introduction of New Members

Ms. Nicole Sohm, Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency, stated that she supervises the resident training programs in paint, janitorial, and clerical.

Mr. Ron Barroga, Sacramento County Probation, has been worked for 13 years most recently working as a resource officer. His job is to find out who is offering what services; he works with re-entry programs and with neighborhood alternative centers.

2. **Review and Approval of Minutes of the November 10, 2010 Meeting**

The minutes were reviewed; no questions or comments.

Moved/Read , second/Espinosa, to approve the minutes.

Voice Vote: Unanimous approval.

4. **Discussion: Continuation of WIA Youth Procurement Planning**

For the past three months the Youth Council has been talking about what next year's program/funding will look like. This is the last meeting of the planning process. Staff will present an outline of the RFP at the next meeting for review and approval. The RFP will also be brought before the WIB and Governing Board for approval.

The goal is to have all of the boards approve the applications and make funding recommendations for funds to be released July 1, 2011. The RFP is expected to be released in February 2011.

The last couple of Youth Council meetings had presentations around key youth-related issues including green jobs, career pathways and at-risk youth. These topics were presented by SETA staff, providers and community.

SETA staff and youth providers attended a service learning training with the goal of exploring how to integrate this concept into the WIA youth model.

Overview of service learning: Ms. Julie Davis Jaffe stated that service learning training was beneficial to the youth participants. The seven elements of High Quality Service Learning include:

- Integrated learning
- High quality service
- Collaboration
- Student voice
- Civic responsibility
- Reflection
- Evaluation

Mr. Read stated that service learning is good but programs need to find the best strategies to prevent dropout. He suggests that we look at what we are doing and re-examine to make sure the dropout rate does not continue.

Mr. Younger stated that hands on-learning is more effective. He thinks that his concern is that each student's program would be customized to their needs. Youth are not well self-directed; he is concerned that the managers make sure the youth follow through with their program. Ms. Lefkovitz stated that generally service learning is a group project and youth work together on projects with a supervisor. It is not really individually oriented; youth are mostly in groups with an emphasis on team work.

Mr. Broadway spoke about the service learning projects done through the Job Corps. The group effort really is effective. The students need to choose the trade they get into. The youth need to 'buy- in' to the service learning.

Ms. Reyes spoke about programs available to youth that are in danger of being kicked out of school. Mr. Moore stated that SCOE will be providing training regarding providing school credit to youth in service learning. Mr. Moore was asked whether service learning was being developed to help youth attain a GED. Mr. Moore replied that youth need to pass five tests in order to get their GED. Youth can also get credit for work experience to assist them in achieving their GED.

Ms. Welsch spoke about adding service learning in the RFP.

Vidal Gonzalez from La Familia spoke about his view of the service learning training. La Familia is working on two projects that involve service learning.

Sarah from Soil Born Farms talked about service learning; they approach their WEX with a service learning component. Soil Born's aim is that all activities have a service learning component.

Mr. Kelly inquired whether service learning applies to all of the programs we operate especially with gang activity and at-risk youth and whether service learning can be applied them? Mr. Ron Barroga stated that sometimes we neglect to listen to the youth so the youth need to be integrated into the service learning.

Staff will go forward to develop elements of high quality service learning and integrate the WIA ten elements.

Discussion on youth working in the career centers and as Youth Council members: Ms. Lefkovitz inquired if the providers that receive funding for youth advocates could consider that part of their work experience be as part of being a member on this board. Ms. Welsch stated that this program provides funds for staff at the career centers. The youth specialists work specifically with youth; youth advocates must be a young person. Staff will reach out to the providers again to encourage youth applications to the Youth Council.

5. **Other business**: None.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:26 a.m.

ITEM 3

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR WIA YOUTH PROGRAM SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2011

BACKGROUND:

Sacramento Works Youth Council began the public planning process for the procurement of WIA Youth services in the fall 2010. These meetings have included overviews of various youth council initiatives, options for new strategies and input from the community. These strategies have included:

- **Youth-related Green strategies**
- **Career Pathways**
- **Targeting services to very high-risk youth**
- **Service Learning**
- **Integration of WIA youth program elements in career centers and new program concepts.**

Staff is developing a Request for Proposals to incorporate these concepts into the WIA youth program design.

A copy of the outline of the RFP will be sent under separate cover.

RECOMMENDATION:

Review and approve the Request for Proposals for the WIA Youth Program Services for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011.