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SACRAMENTOWORKS

Regular Meeting of the Sacramento Works Youth Council

Date: Wednesday, November 9, 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
2. Action Item: Approval of the September 14, 2011 Minutes
3. Action Item: Approval of Augmentation of Sacramento Chinese Community Services Center WIA Youth Services Contract to Support Youth Advocate Position
4. Discussion item: Youth Advocates
5. Adjournment

Members: Brian Broadway, Matt Kelly, Daniel Koen, Philip Moore, Dennis Morin, Deborah Portela, Maurice Read, David Younger.

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**Regular Meeting of
SACRAMENTO WORKS YOUTH COUNCIL
Minutes**

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

September 14, 2011
8:30 a.m.

- I. **Call to Order/Roll Call:** Mr. Kelly called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Members Present: Brian Broadway, Matt Kelly, Daniel Koen, Philip Moore, Dennis Morin, Maurice Read, Nicole Sohm David Younger

Member Absent: Deborah Portela

Others Present: Phil Cunningham, Robin Purdy, Christine Welsch, Becky Walton.

2. **Action Item:** Approval of the May 5, 2011 Minutes

The minutes will be corrected to show that the meeting began at 8:15 a.m., not 8:15 p.m.

Moved/Broadway, second/Morin, to approve the minutes as corrected.
Voice Vote: Unanimous approval.

5. **Information Item:** Staff report - Update on discretionary grants serving high-risk youth – CalGRIP & Safe Community Partnership.

The board has expressed interest in programs offered by SETA. Ms. Ginger Brunson spoke of the CalGRIP program that works with former gang members. This program's main goal is to reduce the incident of gang-related violence. There have been 109 participants served. Ms. Brunson reviewed the clients served and the case managers were introduced. They have a very difficult job and Ms. Brunson expressed appreciation for their work. The program began in 2010.

Mr. Zachary Stevenson spoke of the lack of skills that the youth have and that the biggest issue is getting them to develop a work ethic. The primary focus is to get the youth introduced to the world of work and keep them off the streets.

Ms. Brunson spoke of the SAFE community partnership program. Ms. Brunson introduced Mr. Benjamin Murti and Mr. Deshon Brown. Funding for this program provided funds for one full time probation officer that is assigned to the program that can be the eyes and ears on the street.

These are two separate programs but they work with the same population.

Mr. Brown stated that the youth participants are reminded that education is the way off the streets and gangs.

3. **Information Item**: SMUD/SETA partnership – Sacramento Works for Youth Summer program – 2011

Sacramento Works and SETA were approached by SMUD to provide a program for young people. This program specifically targets Sacramento City Unified School District juniors and seniors. Forty-six young people were selected to attend a pre-employment boot camp, and 39 completed the boot camp. Out of the 39, 23 were selected for an internship at SMUD.

Ms. Susan Wheeler, SMUD, spoke of her involvement in the program. SMUD assisted in the screening of the youth participants. They also had a SMUD employee training program on how to work with the kids.

4. **Information Item**: Introduction Sacramento Works Youth Advocates and other youth staff co-located at Sacramento Works Career Centers

The classification of Universal Youth Specialist is charged with making the career centers youth friendly. The youth advocates work with the Universal Youth Specialist in the career centers. There was discussion on the Youth Council application process for the Youth Advocates.

Ms. Becky Walton introduced the youth specialists and youth advocates present at the meeting.

Ms. Marsha Strode spoke of the AmeriCorps program staff working at the Hillsdale Career Center that targets foster youth.

5. **Other business** – Healthy Youth/Healthy Regions Executive Summary attached. Full report on Sacramento Works, Inc. agenda for September 28, 2011

This item will be included on the September 28 WIB agenda where there will be a presentation on Healthy Youth/Healthy Regions. The executive summary was distributed.

Ms. Welsch distributed information on partners offering events including Asian Resources, ACT and Soil Born Farms.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

ITEM 3 - ACTION

APPROVAL OF AUGMENTATION OF SACRAMENTO CHINESE COMMUNITY SERVICES CENTER WIA YOUTH SERVICES CONTRACT TO SUPPORT YOUTH ADVOCATE POSITION

BACKGROUND:

The Sacramento Works Youth Council has identified the following strategies to improve and enhance youth service delivery which include:

- Engage employers to increase youth development, cultural & diversity competencies
- Attract and prepare youth for jobs in critical occupations and career pathways.

In 2011 to support career pathways, the Youth Council incorporated service learning and career pathways as a programmatic design for the year-round WIA youth services. Several years ago, Universal Youth Specialists were assigned to work in the One Stop Career Centers to provide universal/core services to any youth visiting the career centers. The Universal Services Youth team includes a Youth Advocate whom is a former WIA or similar program participant assigned to provide assistance to the Youth Specialist. The position of the Youth Advocate is considered a career pathway vehicle into the workforce development industry.

The Youth Advocate position was initially funded as part of the year-round WIA youth providers. In 2011 since the Youth Advocates are part of the Universal Youth team, these positions were included in the Universal Youth services funding and not the year-round provider funding. Sacramento Chinese Community Services Center (SCCSC) had the previous funding to support the Youth Advocate position at the Hillsdale Career Center. During the 2011 WIA Youth procurement, SCCSC submitted a proposal for Universal Youth and Youth Advocate services at the Hillsdale Career Center. For several years, SETA has assigned internal staff to perform the duties of Youth Specialist at the Hillsdale Career Center, along with Mark Sanders and Galt, to provide the Universal Youth Services. These three career centers do not currently have youth advocates. Because of a high volume of youth visiting the SWCC Hillsdale, SETA staff is recommending the augmentation of SCCSC's Universal Services contract to provide a youth advocate for the SWCC Hillsdale.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the augmentation of Sacramento Chinese Community Services Center contract for \$15,000 to support the Youth Advocate position.