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**Meeting of the Sacramento Works
Youth Committee**

Date: Thursday, October 14, 2021

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Location: via Zoom

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In response to the AB361 (Brown Act Section 54953) relating to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Sacramento Works Youth Committee is conducting this meeting on Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82892887072?pwd=ZG9wc0hQLytQL3NIc2VjMHNzSjF6UT09>.

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. **ACTION:** Approval of Findings and Authorization to Extend Use of Teleconferencing Procedures for Committee Meetings During Declared State of Emergency and/or While State or Local Officials Continue to Impose or Recommend Measures to Promote Social Distancing (Legal Counsel)
3. **ACTION:** Approval of the August 18, 2021 Minutes

4. **ACTION ITEM:** Review/Update the 2020-2021 Youth Committee Goals
5. **INFORMATION ITEM:** Summary of WIOA Youth Program Enrollments for PY 2021-2022
6. **INFORMATION ITEM:** Update on Youth and Young Adult Mental Behavioral Programs (Staci Anderson/Terri Carpenter)
7. Public Input
8. Adjournment

Members: Staci Anderson, Jacobe Caditz, David Gordon, Gary King, Michael Laharty, Brandon Louie, Claudia Negrete, Johnny Perez, Matt Perry, Tina Reynolds, Jane Ross, Lorenda Sanchez, Randi Kay Stephens, Pedro Vargas, Joyce Veal

DISTRIBUTION DATE: Friday, October 8, 2021

ITEM 2 - ACTION

APPROVAL OF FINDINGS AND AUTHORIZATION TO EXTEND USE OF TELECONFERENCING PROCEDURES FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS DURING DECLARED STATE OF EMERGENCY AND/OR WHILE STATE OR LOCAL OFFICIALS CONTINUE TO IMPOSE OR RECOMMEND MEASURES TO PROMOTE SOCIAL DISTANCING

BACKGROUND:

California Governor Gavin Newsom has recently extended until December 31, 2021 the long-existing state of emergency related to COVID-19. Governor Newsom had previously authorized local agencies, by Executive Order, to conduct meetings under the Brown Act utilizing Zoom or other remote procedures to conduct meeting by modified teleconference procedures. Recently the legislature signed and passed into law AB 361, which amended Section 54953 of the Brown Act to similarly authorize teleconferencing of Committee Meetings, provided necessary procedures are followed. The Sacramento Works Youth Committee on October 14, 2021 will be the first committee meeting conducted utilizing the AB 361 Procedures, which are reflected in the Notice for the Committee Agenda.

Under AB 361, in the event of disruption which prevents broadcasting of the meeting to members of the public using the call-in or internet-based service options, or in the event of a disruption which prevents members of the public from offering public comments, the legislative body shall take no further action on items appearing on the meeting agenda until public access to the meeting is restored.

AB 361 also authorizes public agencies to continue to hold subsequent meetings via teleconference procedures during any state of emergency that directly impacts the ability of the members to meet safely in person or while State or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing. The Governor's declared continuing state of emergency remains active and continues to serve to protect members of the public from unnecessary risk and exposure to COVID-19. In addition, Sacramento County continues to follow recommendations of the federal CDC promoting social distancing outside of the home and especially indoors. Given these circumstances, in order to allow for the next Committee meeting to be held by teleconference procedures consistent with AB 361, the Committee must make the following findings no later than 30 days after the first teleconferencing meeting and every 30 days thereafter by majority vote:

- a. The legislative body has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency.
- b. Any of the following circumstances exists:

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- i. The state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person.
- ii. State or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the continued use of teleconferencing for Sacramento Works Youth Committee meetings under AB 361, occasioned by the continuing state of emergency issued by Governor Newsom and the continuation of local and federal recommendations promoting social distancing outside of the home and especially indoors and, based thereon, make the following findings in support of this action:

- a. The Committee has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency.
- b. The following circumstances exist:
 - i. The state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person.
 - ii. State or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.

PRESENTER: Legal Counsel

Sacramento Works Youth Committee

Minutes

(The minutes reflect the actual progression of the meeting.)

Meeting held electronically

Thursday, August 19, 2021

3:00 p.m.

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call:** Mr. David Gordon called the meeting to order at 3:04pm. The roll was called and a quorum achieved.

Members Present: David Gordon, Gary King, Matt Perry, Randi Kay Stephens, Pedro Vargas, Jacobe Caditz, Brandon Louie

Members Absent: Tina Reynolds, Michael Laharty, Jane Ross, Lorenda Sanchez, Joyce Veal, Claudia Negrete, Johnny Perez, Staci Anderson

Others Present: Terri Carpenter, Kathy Kossick, Phil Cunningham, Roy Kim, Jessica Medina, Josh Woodson, Jackie White, Lisa Hutchinson

Mr. Gordon announced Mr. Perry will be retiring on September 10, 2021. Ms. Jackie White was introduced as Mr. Perry's appointed replacement. Ms. White introduced herself and stated how excited she is to be a part of the Youth Committee.

A quorum was confirmed by Mr. Cunningham.

2. **ACTION:** Approval of the May 13, 2021 Minutes

The minutes were reviewed; no questions or concerns.

Moved/Stephens, second/King to approve May 13, 2021 minutes.

Roll call vote:

Aye: 7 (Stephens, Gordon, Perez, Perry, Caditz, Vargas)

Nay: 0

Abstention: 1 (Louie)

Absent: 8 (Reynolds, Laharty, Ross, Sanchez, Veal, Negrete, Perez, Anderson)

3. **INFORMATION ITEM:** Summary of WIOA Youth Program Performance for PY

Ms. Carpenter presented Youth Program Performance report. Two providers were not extended funding for PY 2021-2022. The report is an overview of each provider's performance regarding enrollment, enrollment goals and percentage met, average activities, measurable skills gain, credential rate, employment/education, and median wage. Measurable skill gains reported was added this year. One service per month per youth is the minimum service for average activities. This is the first-year measurable skills gain is included in the

performance measures. Measurable skills gain is measured by an increase in skill level within the program year. Credential rate is occupational skills training, post-secondary, etc. where they get a degree or certificate. Employment/education and credential rate will continue to increase throughout the program year. They are measured the first and fourth quarter after exit. At the end of the program year the comparison of the two quarters will indicate the increases in education/employment and median wage.

Each provider was reviewed. Staff will be reaching out to several providers to discuss how to increase several areas for the program year. Staff will be reaching out to the Greater Sacramento Urban League due to lack of credential rate, employment/education, and measurable skills gain. We will be working with them to make sure the data is being captured and to get their numbers up. Another provider staff will be reaching out to is the Lao Family Community Development due to zero percent for the categories of credential rate, employment/education, measurable skills gain, and no median wage.

Crossroads Diversified Services and Sacramento Chinese Community Service Center were not recommended for funding for this program year. Staff will be working with JUMA Ventures as well to get their numbers up in the categories of credential rate, employment/education, measurable skills gain, and median wage.

Mr. King asked for clarification on captured results and why there is intermittent reporting.

Ms. Carpenter said employment/education, credential rate, and median wage will continue to increase, since one of the program requirements is follow-up with students in the first and fourth quarter after they are exited from the program. Part of the reason is if they do not enroll students who are deficient, then the provider will not have anything to report on. Not all students served will result in captured data.

Mr. King added that he thinks as the report continues to roll out we will see more refinement. What you give focus to for a measurement is what gets attention. As more questions are asked about the elements, we will see more improvement and success of the programs.

Ms. Stephens asked if the discussions had with providers during the Technical Assistance meetings are aligning with the items being reported on, or are there other items being brought up that aren't on the dashboard.

Ms. Carpenter clarified that the report does capture what is being discussed and the elements required for the providers to meet performance in each category. SETA launched a new procurement two years ago then COVID-19 hit. We had to make constant adjustments in order to handle the situations impacted by COVID-19. For the out-of-school youth who are dropouts, COVID-19 impacted providers'

ability to achieve a credential rate. The high school diploma programs during the time were only allowing courses if there were cohorts of 20-25. This greatly impacted the programs' ability to enroll youth into diploma programs. We are continually trying to address the technical needs of the providers and doing continued training to ensure the program's success.

Mr. Louie asked if there is the ability to see the nuances of the measurable skills growth. Specifically, between those who are coming in with a skill level and assistance wasn't as necessary, and those coming in with skills differences that need the additional support.

Ms. Carpenter said we are able to see those nuances. There are three providers we will be working with more intensively to ensure that the high school dropouts enrolled in the program are connected to continued education. Providers need to make sure they are balancing the enrollment mix.

4. **INFORMATION ITEM:** Committee Goal Updates

- Youth Engagement

Mr. Vargas reported there are no updates, due to their inability to meet. This will be held over to the next meeting.

- Internship Expansion

Ms. Carpenter reported we received a \$250,000 grant from the State Workforce Board, focusing on development of mental/behavioral health talent. In this grant there are 25 internships for ages ranging from 18-24 related to mental/behavior health.

The Peers Helping Peers program is funded by MHSA and in partnership with the Health Education Council. Over 60 youth have been placed in internships since it was launched last year. Another 30 will be placed by May 2022; these are all paid internships. We have completed the This Way Onward program with the GAP foundation. 35 interns were placed with Old Navy; 23 of the 35 interns now have permanent jobs with Old Navy. SMUD provided five internships to High School students this year. We are continuing to look for other programs, funds and grants to continue supporting the expansion of internship opportunities for our youth. Creating a report to track how many internships generated and placed for the program year was suggested.

Mr. Cunningham suggested that the report would be good to present to the Sacramento Works Board to highlight the success of the program.

Mr. Gordon agreed and stated that he and Ms. Carpenter will make a presentation to the board next month.

Ms. Stephens asked if these results will be shared in the upcoming Meeting of the Minds conference.

Ms. Carpenter said she will be presenting at the Meeting of the Minds conferences, but regarding other programs not related to the youth program.

Mr. Gordon asked Ms. Carpenter to expand on the mental health interns in regards to the stages of training, as well as the Peers Helping Peers on where they are placed, has everyone been placed, how much they are making and what the stipend is.

Ms. Carpenter reported the Peers Helping Peers receive a stipend of \$250 once the seven-week training is completed. The interns are paid \$14 per hour, working 40 hours. Interns have been placed at the County Department of Mental Health, Turning Point, and other organizations and non-profits providing mental health services.

The new grant has not launched yet, as the funding was just acquired in May. The program started in July 2021, internship placement will start in December 2021 through December 2022.

Mr. Gordon suggested internship placements with SCOE.

Ms. Carpenter added that we received additional funding from the Department of Rehabilitation to serve 70 youth for program year 2021-2022.

- Digital Literacy/Skills Programs/Resources
Mr. Perry reviewed digital partners with Jane Ross; it was decided that the adult schools would be a good partner for programs and resources. The next step would be to get on the CAERC Agenda, the consortium of adult schools, because they are distributed across the county like our youth providers are. Aligning local adult education programs with providers around the digital skills piece would be a good partnership. We should have some options once we receive feedback from the adult schools.

5. **Public Input:**

Mr. Gordon introduced Ms. Lisa Hutchinson, a prospective member of the committee. Jackie White's and Lisa Hutchinson's appointment will be on the next agenda for the Sacramento Works Board.

The next meeting will be held on October 14, 2021 at 3 p.m.

6. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 3:48 p.m.

ITEM 4 - ACTION

REVIEW/UPDATE THE 2020-2021 YOUTH COMMITTEE GOALS

BACKGROUND:

Based on the environment of COVID-19 and other factors impacting the youth in our community, the following goals are being proposed for the committee to discuss and adopt as priorities for the Committee work in 2021-2022:

1. Develop strategies to amplify the youth voice in all SETA-Sacramento Works activities and programs that serve youth.

Action: Create a subcommittee to make recommendations on how to improve the engagement with youth and what services are needed most by the youth in our community.

2. Increase learn and earn work-based opportunities for youth.

Action: Create 20 new internship opportunities by identifying employers that are willing to place youth in paid internships.

3. Identify Digital Literacy and Skills partners that can provide expanded services to youth enrolled in programs.

Action: Review digital literacy partner programs and provide recommendations for program implementation.

RECOMMENDATION:

Review and discuss the 2020-2021 Youth Committee goals and update or make changes as needed.