

**GOVERNOR'S WORKFORCE BOARD RI
YOUTH DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (YDC)**

April 8, 2009

Minutes

Members Present: B. Melton, Chair, S. Moylan, J. Warner, M. Trueb

Members Absent: S. Powell, L. Ricci

GWB Staff Present: J. O'Hare, D. Francis, M. Mooney

DLT Staff Present: L. Norris, M. Palumbo

Others Present: J. Uvin, A. Castaneda, J. Chiappetta, G. Alba

Chair Melton welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Minutes of Youth Development Committee meeting

Chair Melton asked for a review of the meeting minutes of the 2/11/09 Governor's Workforce Board Youth Development Committee (GWBRI – YDC). He asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes.

Vote: M. Trueb motioned to approve the minutes of the GWBRI-YDC meeting as presented. J. Warner seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous; the motion passed.

Second Day Initiative- Career & Technical Providence

Chair Melton asked Dr. Johan Uvin of the RI Department of Education (RIDE) to present the proposal about the Second Day Initiative also known as the Providence Pathways to Employment Demonstration Project. He introduced members of the Providence Public School System: Andrea Castaneda, Jeremy Chiappetta and Guy Alba. The purpose of this demonstration project is to plan, test and evaluate adult education programs in construction and information technology that result in stackable certifications and "gateway skill set" development for 250-300 out-of-school youth, young-adult and eventually adult job seekers. The project would be implemented at the Providence Career and Technical Academy, a brand-new, state of the art technical education center. J. Uvin noted the important collaboration of the City of Providence and the Office of Mayor Cicilline, the Providence School Department, RIDE and the Providence-Cranston Workforce Investment Board.

A suggestion was made by J. Warner to review current models utilized by CCRI, specifically the 2+2 articulation model or tech-prep 2 + 2 model. The principle of these models includes the partnership between a technical high school and a community college working to develop career technical training programs at a secondary level for credit. J. Warner suggested contacting Peter Woodbury, the Dean of Business Science & Technology for assistance. He indicated that from a design perspective, it would be important to include in this project the opportunity for students to advance to post secondary training and credentialing. He suggested that President DePasquale would be helpful in identifying a contact person at CCRI to formally engage the college in this effort.

L. Norris requested that if this project is endorsed, that a process be put in place to enroll students from the current youth system. This request was favorably acknowledged by committee members.

Chair Melton asked for a motion to endorse the Second Day Initiative – Career and Technical Providence demonstration project with the expectation that there would be integration with the youth centers and with the participation of the Community College of Rhode Island (CCRI) at the planning stage of this project.

Vote: J. Warner motioned to approve. S. Moylan seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous; the motion passed.

Funded Programs for the 2009-2010 Contract Year

Maureen Palumbo reviewed information relating to the funded programs for the 2009-2010 Contract year and noted the carry in from contract year 2008-2009. She reported that the number of youth to be served will total 8076. A copy of the contract year deliverables is available in the meeting packets.

Year to Date Outcomes

Maureen Palumbo provided an overview of the youth workforce system Q1 and Q2 outcomes for contract year 2008-2009. This included information on promised deliverables, outcomes on number of youth served, gender, education, risk factors, education, and services received. A copy of the outcome statistics is available in the meeting packets.

Stimulus Plans for Youth Allocation

Maureen Palumbo reported that an RFP was released by the 2 local Workforce Investment Boards and that \$4 million dollars would be awarded to serve 1,500-2,000 youth ages 14-24. She reviewed the timeline for the summer employment opportunities which will begin in mid-May – early June and end in September 2009. A copy of the PowerPoint is available in the meeting packets.

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, Chair Melton asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting of the GWBRI-YDC meeting.

Vote: J. Warner motioned to adjourn the meeting of GWBRI-YDC. S. Moylan seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous; the motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Mooney