

**GOVERNOR'S WORKFORCE BOARD RI
YOUTH DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (YDC)
June 10, 2009**

Minutes

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

Members Absent: L. Ricci, J. Warner

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

DLT Staff Present: L. Norris, M. Palumbo, J. Cornwell, C. Grieco

Others Present: J. Uvin, C. White (Intern, Lifespan)

Chair Melton welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Minutes of Youth Development Committee meeting

Chair Melton asked for a review of the meeting minutes of the 4/08/09 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. S. Moylan seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous; the motion passed.

Shared Youth Vision Replication

Chair Melton asked Dr. Johan Uvin of the RI Department of Education (RIDE) to present the proposal on the Shared Youth Vision Replication project. J. Uvin provided some background on the RI pilot project and indicated that a grant was awarded to the Department of Labor & Training (DLT). The RI Shared Youth Vision Team was formed and was charged with conducting this pilot project to demonstrate the effectiveness of state-level partnerships and programmatic outcomes and to develop an overall technical assistance plan. J. Uvin reported that the RI Shared Youth Vision Team worked towards developing an integrated system to impact Rhode Island's neediest youth with the intent that a collaborative case management system would result. The team worked to leverage resources and create a streamlined and integrated service delivery model that resulted in service strategies for youth.

J. Uvin reported on the objectives for the 24 month replication project which included expanding the pilot model into five regions across Rhode Island as well as expanding participation. He explained that the funding request of \$500,000 is hoped to be matched by a challenge grant from other investments.

With no further discussion, Chair Melton requested a motion to endorse the funding request for the Shared Youth Vision Replication in the amount of \$500,000 contingent on the receipt of a matching challenge grant.

Vote: S. Moylan motioned to approve. M. Trueb seconded the motion. Director Powell recused herself from the vote. The vote was in the majority, the motion passed.

Cranston School World of Work (WOW) Project

L. Norris provided a brief update on the Cranston World of Work (WOW) project noting that the 235 youth served exceeded the original goals for this project. She noted that the final results from the Cranston project would be available in August and the results would be made available to the YDC committee in September. She indicated the WOW project will expand into the Lincoln, Newport and Exeter-West Greenwich school systems. The School in Maine will oversee the program with assistance from key members from the Cranston WOW project in the role of train the trainer.

Youth Program Funding Request

J. O'Hare reported that the two Local Workforce Investment Boards (LWIBs) are requesting \$2M in funding. He indicated that the Board approved funding for the World of Work (WOW) initiative which reduced the current allocation request to \$2M. He noted that youth programs would receive increased funding through the Federal stimulus package.

C. Grieco, Executive Director of the Workforce Partnership of Greater RI (WPGRI) reported that the 2 LWIBS are seeking the \$2M in funding for PY09 and FY10 in order to continue efforts to deliver youth services statewide. She provided further information on the RI Youth Centers (Attachment A) Youth Service levels from 2002-2009 (Attachment B) and an overview of programs by youth centers (Attachment C).

With no further discussion, Chair Melton requested a motion to endorse the youth program funding request for \$2M.

Vote: M. Trueb motioned to approve. S. Moylan seconded the motion. Director Powell recused herself from the vote. The vote was in the majority, the motion passed.

Youthwork 411 Updates

Five Year Snapshot

M. Palumbo reviewed the document entitled Five Year Snapshot of the YouthWorks 411 state wide system. She reported that the total youth served in 2009 is projected to be 10,016. She indicated the data shows almost 5000 at risk youth will be served currently further noting that there are 77 vendors statewide, 89 programs and 13 youth centers. She mentioned that the total funding for PY2009 is \$15,870,119. J. O'Hare noted that the figures support an all youth agenda and that 50% of the youth served are at risk.

Statewide YouthWorks 411: 3rd Annual Confab

M. Palumbo updated the committee on the 3rd Annual Confab which was held on May 20th at Rhodes on the Pawtuxet. She noted there were 120 people in attendance and 29 exhibitors. She provided a handout listing the participating youth vendors and mentioned that the intent of the confab is to bring those organizations serving RI youth together to share information.

Summer Stimulus

M. Palumbo reported that there are currently 38 signed contracts for the summer employment program noting that 2 contracts are pending. She reviewed the handout ARRA Summer Employment Opportunities for Youth 2009 Contract Awards and noted that the main focus is to provide work readiness skills as well as actual work experience.

Summer Showcase

M. Palumbo reported that the 2nd Summer Showcase is planned for August 3rd. She indicated the showcase brings in statewide vendors and includes youth exhibitors. It is anticipated there will be 250-300 guests and possibly 50 programs. M. Palumbo noted further information and an invitation will be forthcoming.

BEST Youth Worker Certificate Program

M. Palumbo reported that forty youth workers have been participating in this youth worker certificate training program which was funded by the GWB as part of the statewide training plan. This 32-hour professional development program offers interactive training with expert instructors and networking opportunities with youth development peers. The BEST certificate allows the participants to master core competencies critical to the youth work field and is also recognized by many higher education institutions. M. Palumbo noted that a graduation ceremony will be held at the Buttonwoods Community Center in Warwick on September 18th when the youth workers will receive certification.

Business Engagement Resume Café

M. Palumbo reported that L. Norris has been working with the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) to develop a business engagement advisory committee to support the statewide youth system with workforce development topics. She noted that this committee worked on the work readiness definition and is working on providing information for employers for a possible curriculum for the youth centers. She indicated that currently this committee is working on a job development presentation that will offer assistance to job developers in the state. M. Palumbo noted that in October, this committee will host a Resume Café and will provide 50 youth with one-on-one informational interview and resume critique. The meeting space and catering costs are being paid for by SHRM.

Adjournment

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Mooney