

**GOVERNOR'S WORKFORCE BOARD RI
YOUTH DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (YDC)
April 13, 2011**

Minutes

Members Present: B. Melton, Chair, S. Moylan, R. Coia, R. DiPasquale

Members Absent: M. Trueb

GWB Staff Present: L. D'Agostino, D. Brown, M. Mooney

DLT Staff Present: M. Palumbo, J. Thibedeau, C. Grieco, S. Carello, Adrienne Goode, D. Tremblay

Others Present: Anne Walsh, Workforce Solutions of Providence/Cranston; Sharon Lee, RIDE; Amanda D'Alessio, Goodwill Providence Youth Center; Brian Hannon, East Bay Community Action Program (EBCAP); Steve Dolce, EBCAP

Chair's Call to Order

Chair Melton welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

Minutes of Youth Development Committee meeting

Chair Melton asked for a review of the meeting minutes of the 2/18/11 Governor's Workforce Board Youth Development Committee (GWB – YDC). He asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes.

Vote: R. Di Pasquale motioned to approve the minutes of the GWB-YDC meeting as presented. S. Moylan seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous; the motion passed.

Youth System Update

Chair Melton asked M. Palumbo to provide an update on the RI Youth Workforce Development System.

Program Year 2010 Qtr 3 Report

M. Palumbo reviewed statistics from the handout entitled: "Statewide WIA/JDF Data Collection" for the reporting period of 4/1/10 through 12/31/10 noting this was a cumulative snapshot of data for the 3rd quarter. She mentioned that the total youth contracted to serve was 3,520 and that the total served was 97% or 3,415. Since the handout was not available in the meeting packet, she stated that she would be presenting the 4th quarter data at the next meeting and would include the 3rd quarter data. M. Palumbo indicated she would email the 3rd quarter report to committee members after this meeting.

Program Year 2011 Contract Awards

M. Palumbo reviewed the reports detailing the Summer JDF and the WIA Standalone request for proposals. Each report listed the respondents, the negotiated amount of funding, number served and funding amount for the youth center operations. M. Palumbo summarized the Program Year 2011 information noting the \$1.5M of JDF funds for summer programming and Youth Center contracts, \$3M of WIA funds for the Youth Centers and 8 standalone programs,

\$370K for career and tech afterschool programming, and \$250,000 for the Shared Youth Vision project. She stated that in total 7,371 youth would be served by these programs.

M. Palumbo reviewed a handout on the Seven Year Snapshot for Youth Programs from PY2005 through PY2011. This report detailed information on youth served, at risk youth served, number of vendors, funding sources, total amount awarded, and leveraged and in-kind dollars.

YouthWORKS411 Youth Center Presentation

Chair Melton asked Maureen Palumbo to introduce Adrianna Goode, Statewide Youth Center Manager. A. Goode provided an overview of the services of the youth centers. She noted that 16 centers serve RI youth ages 14-24 and that they offer an all youth agenda. She explained the eligibility criteria for both JDF (Job Development Fund) and Workforce Investment Act (WIA) services and provided an overview of the services the youth centers offer. She reviewed the educational and employment outcomes for youth and provided stories about two youth assisted by the Youth Centers with successful outcomes. Adrianna ended the presentation by explaining specific goals meant to increase the number of youth obtaining quality services.

There was a question and discussion about identifying longitudinal information on youth served over the age of 24 after they leave the youth system. M. Palumbo noted that currently youth are followed for a one year period. L. D'Agostino explained that RIDLT applied for a grant to conduct a longitudinal study but was unsuccessful in obtaining the grant.

There were two additional presentations by Amanda D'Alessio, Manager of the Providence Youth Center and by Steve Dolce, Manager of the Newport Youth Center.

Due to time limitations, Chair Melton asked for brief updates on the Shared Youth Vision and the Career Technical after School Program.

Shared Youth Vision Update

M. Palumbo reported that the Shared Youth Vision program is in its 2nd year explaining it is a collaborative case management program comprised of 5 regional teams. She noted there have been a few minor difficulties in the implementation of this pilot going statewide, but that progress is being made.

Career Technical Afterschool Program Update

M. Palumbo asked S. Carello to provide an update on the Career Technical Afterschool Program. S. Carello noted this pilot was based on the 2010 summer program and was implemented at the State level as a demonstration project. She stated this program targets middle-school aged youth who are at risk of dropping out of school. She noted that the 4 area career and tech centers were used to serve up to 170 students and that the centers are located in the cities of Cranston, Warwick, East Providence and Woonsocket. She noted this was a ten-week after school program through May 2011 and that students were paid \$7.40 per hour. Students complete a minimum of four technical exploratory rotations, work readiness training and contextualized reading, mathematics and writing enhancement.

Other Business

Chair Melton asked committee members to schedule a new meeting date of Thursday, September 8, 2011 and indicated this meeting will be held at the Providence Youth Center at 110 Eddy Street in Providence. He noted that the October meeting is cancelled to accommodate this new date and reminded committee members of the December 7th meeting.

Adjournment

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Mooney