

Workforce Partnership of Greater Rhode Island

Youth Council Minutes

May 4, 2009

Present: Everett Amaral, Andrew DeTora, Alexis Devine, Joseph DiPina, Lissa Dryer, Cynthia Farrell, Sharon Gainey, Elizabeth Gilheaney, Andrew Tyska, Lee Lewis

Also attending were Mavis McGetrick and Maureen Palumbo from State Workforce Investment Office. Staff attending were Carlos Ribeiro, Sharon Geoffrey and Brian Gambardella.

With a quorum present, Chair Cynthia Farrell called the meeting to order at 4:15 pm.

Minutes of March 19, 2009

Chair Cynthia Farrell asked the Council to review the minutes of March 19, 2009.

VOTE: Elizabeth Gilheaney motioned to accept the minutes as written, and Joseph DiPina seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Youth Council Meetings Schedule

Carlos Ribeiro introduced the schedule of monthly Youth Council meetings for the next 12 months. Handouts were given.

Proposals for Youth Workforce Services

Carlos Ribeiro reviewed the 2009 WPGRI Proposals for Youth Workforce Services and summer programs spreadsheets. Carlos explained JDF youth enrollment level. Handouts were given. Carlos also informed the council of availability of JDF funds and the ability to fund My Turn for the amount of \$50,787.09 to serve 40 youth.

Proposals for ARRA (Stimulus WIA Summer Programs)

Due to conflict of interest, the following Board members recused themselves from participating in discussion and voting. Statement of Conflict of Interest forms completed and attached hereto.

Lissa Dryer, Alexis Devine, Sharon Gainey, and Joseph DePina.

Carlos Ribeiro presented and reviewed the list of 18 proposals received for funding under ARRA. Funded programs total \$2.1 million and serve 892 youth.

Carlos pointed out that there are two new vendors: Career Pilot

which will serve Washington County, and Warwick Area Career Technical Center which will serve the West Bay. This extends the program reach to cover the majority of the state.

Carlos explained how the contracts were rated and reviewed the proposal rankings. Some issues were identified by the readers/raters and they will be resolved prior to contract implementation.

Orientation for the vendors and training in child labor laws, necessary forms, fiscal and programmatic reporting will take place before implementation of the new programs.

WPGRI will hire four E&T Monitors to be placed at the youth centers to perform on-site eligibility and refer youth to appropriate programs. They, as well as youth center staff, will be trained on the new program and on GEOSOL in the upcoming weeks. RI Campus Compact will provide 16 college students from Brown University, RISD, Johnson & Wales and Salve Regina to assist with paper work requirements. During the first week of the program, the vendors will be monitored for compliance with Federal and State laws as well as child labor laws.

Carlos recommended funding all 18 proposals.

VOTE: Andrew DeTora motioned to recommend the acceptance of the 18 proposals to the Executive Committee, and Elizabeth

Gilheeny seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 4:35 pm.