

# **Workforce Partnership of Greater Rhode Island**

## **Youth Council Minutes**

**January 21, 2010**

**Present: Alexis Devine, Andrew Tyska, Cynthia Farrell, Evaristo Amaral, Lissa Dreyer, Philip Stone, Vanessa Cooley and Victoria Gaillard-Garrick, Sharon Gainey**

**Absent: Elizabeth Gilheeney, John Uvin, Joseph DeSantis, Kathleen Stoddart, Lee Lewis, Michael Montanaro, Sue Babin, Scott Seaback**

**Staff and Guests: Carlos Ribeiro, Sharon Geoffrey, Jo Anne Thibedeau, Brian Gambardella, Bob Garofano, and Shirley Winslow**

**No Quorum.**

**Cynthia Farrell called the meeting to order at 8:48 am.**

### **Youth Center Presentation:**

**David Banno, Youth Director of Tri-Town and South County Community Action Agencies did an overview of both agencies and the services they provide as part of the youthWORKS411. There are 4 centers located in Johnston, Wakefield, Westerly and Charlestown. Mr. Banno also explained the history of the centers.**

**Youth Program Enrollment & Services WIA, JDF:**

**All the 2009 contracts are up and running. In 2010 we may reach 700 WIA youths. There are no problems with WIA funds. Due to extra funds WPGRI modified contracts and were able to serve additional 67 WIA participants.**

#### **Youth Funds Availability:**

**Mr. Garofano is currently analyzing the funds for JDF trying to recapture ½ million dollars. JDF funds are now on hold. There are plenty of WIA funds available. WIA funds are harder to spend. There is a large population of youths in need of employment, but they are not WIA eligible.**

#### **Fiscal Reporting:**

**Mr. Gambardella reported in checking the contracts for the vendors, some agencies are being closely monitored. Some agencies did not spend their money; some did not invoice on a timely manner or invoice the correct amount. Mr. Gambardella will be working closely with the vendors in the future to enhance their knowledge of best practice sharing.**

#### **RFP 2010:**

**Will be discussed and voted upon the next meeting.**

#### **ARRA 2010-Planning:**

**Mr. Ribeiro stated all the 2009 contracts were up and running with no problems. Unspent 2009 ARRA funds will be used for summer youth**

**programs this year.**

**Meeting adjourned at 10:10 am.**

**The next meeting of the Youth Council will be February 18, 2010.**