

# **Workforce Partnership of Greater Rhode Island**

## **Youth Council Minutes**

**March 18, 2010**

**Present: Everett Amaral, Vanessa Cooley, David Banno, Andrew DeTora, Alexis Devine, Alberto Deburgo, Cynthia Farrell, Sharon Gainey, Elizabeth Gilheaney, Lee Lewis, Michael Montanaro, Kathleen Stoddart, Philip Stone, Deborah Anthes**

**Absent: Sue Babin, Joseph DiPina, Lissa Dryer, Victoria Gaillard-Garrick, Dorothy Mattiello, Scott Seaback, Andrew Tyska**

**Staff: Christine Grieco, Carlos Ribeiro, Pam Blais, Shirley Winslow, Kara Aniballi**

**Guest: Jo Ann Thibedeau, Sherri Carello**

**With a quorum present Chair Cynthia Farrell called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m.**

### **Minutes of February 24, 2010**

**Chair Cynthia Farrell asked the Youth Council to review the minutes from February 24, 2010 meeting.**

**VOTE: Vanessa Cooley motioned to accept the minutes. Elizabeth Gilheaney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

## **Chairs Report/Up Dates**

**Cynthia Farell began the meeting with an update from March 4, 2010 board meeting. A recommendation was made by Steve Kitchin to name a vice chair of the Youth Council, doing this will allow Youth Council meetings to ensue in Cynthia's absence.**

**Carlos Ribeiro stated that Sue Babin is currently the vice chair but due to scheduling conflicts has not been able to attend the past three meetings.**

## **JDF/WIA Enrollments**

**Carlos Ribeiro discussed 2009's JDF Enrollments. There is one month left with the contracts and 104.73% of youth have been served as of February 28, 2010.**

**As of February 28, 2010 there are 56.57% of youth served under the 2009 WIA contracts.**

**Carlos proceeded to discuss WIA 2010 enrollments, 610 WIA youth will be served in 2010; this amount is more than the amount of youth served in 2008 and 2009 combined. There are also new vendors participating in 2010 WIA programs. There will be an orientation for these vendors in April. The orientation will consist of trainings in the GeoSol system, paperwork/documentation of files, and financials.**

## **JDF Outcomes**

**The amount of youth contracted to serve from 2007 to 2009 was 5,029 and 6,337 youth were served. Of the 5,029 youth 3,091 are still in service. The youth were provided with educational and employment services. The youth served were among different races, genders, educational levels, and socioeconomic backgrounds.**

## **Youth Funds Availability**

**There is 615,000 dollars that was not spent from 2009 ARRA summer programs. This money will roll over to this year and will fund 2010 summer programs.**

## **ARRA 2010-Planning**

**Carlos presented his contextualized concept paper on summer programs within vocational technical schools targeting youth ages 14 and 15. The goal of this program would be to expose middle school youth who are potentially at risk of dropping out of school to a different style of education.**

**The youth will participate in classroom settings accompanied by a trade component including culinary/hospitality, carpentry, automotive, electric, IT, etc.**

**VOTE: Andrew DeTora motioned to accept the recommendations to**

**fund the Voc. Tech summer program for youth ages 14 and 15 with 2009 ARRA monies. Sharon Gainey seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

### **Possible Further Funding**

**The board then discussed the possibility of getting additional money to fund summer programs at a later date.**

**If Rhode Island is presented with further 2010 ARRA money for summer programs Cynthia Farrell proposed to match what was spent in 2009 on summer youth programs for ages 14-24 and then funnel the remainder, if any, to the Voc. Tech summer programs. If there is more than 3 million dollars in funding the youth council agrees to reconvene to take another vote.**

**VOTE: Andrew DeTora made a motion to pass the above proposal; Elizabeth Giheeney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

### **Adjournment**

**There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.**

**The next meeting of the Youth Council is scheduled for Thursday April 15, 2010 at 8:30 a.m.**