

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD
Of San Luis Obispo County

Youth Council Minutes

Date: Wednesday, August 14, 2013
Time: 4:00 PM
Location: DSS, 3433 S. Higuera Street, San Luis Obispo, CA 3rd Floor, Room 358

Present: Patrick McGuire (Chair), Jim Salio (Vice Chair), Chris Cronan, Matthew Green, Charles Headington, Sara Kennedy, Celena Malarkey, Nikita, Domenic Santangelo, Tracy Schiro, Emma Tabbara,

Excused: Sandra Bourbon, Isabella Gonzalez, Melissa Roberts, Merary Salgado, Yesenia Serabia

Staff: Reva Bear, Dawn Boulanger, Sarah Hayter, Chenoa Wilkerson)

Guests: Christy Little (Cuesta), Sara Jamison (Goodwill)

Call to Order and Introductions

Chair Patrick McGuire called the meeting to order at 4:04 PM. (Quorum at this time.)

Public Comment

None

Consent Items

3.1 Approval of the June 12, 2013 Minutes. No revisions.

Motion: Matthew Green

Second: Charles Headington

Motion Passed Unanimously

Action/Information/Discussion

4.1 Overview of the WIA Youth Program 2012-2013 Review and 2013-2014 Goals

The Youth program served 85 youth, 42 in-school and 43 out-of-school. An outreach staff position at Cuesta was vacant much of last year and has now been filled. With this position filled, Cuesta will improve outreach efforts to the out-of-school and/or homeless youth populations. Contract goals for PY 13-14 were adjusted to be more equal in regards to serving in-school & out-of-school youth (55% in-school/45% out-of-school). This adjustment was made since youth who participate in John Muir Charter School (JMCS) are enrolled into WIA as in-school youth. Prior to their enrollment into JMCS these youth would have been served as out-of-school youth.

Discussion was held on the rationale in serving 18-21 year olds in the WIA Youth Program versus the Adult Program as the level of support available through the WIA Youth program is much greater than the level of support available through the WIA Adult Program. It was discussed that the number of referrals for out-of-school youth is low and Jim Salio offered that a reconnection with the Adult Probation staff may offer a resource for more referrals for this population.

The Summer Youth Employment Program with Miner's Ace Hardware was reported to be successful. Numbers reported by the contractor (Goodwill) regarding WIA youth enrolled and numbers of youth who attained employment need to be clarified to ensure they accurately reflect WIA youth, not all youth who participated in the program.

4.2 PY 12-13 Carryover Funds: (Attachment 4.2)

Approximately \$177,000 remains in carryover funds available to provide additional WIA Youth services.

Mentoring was identified as a program element where the funding could be used to meet a need that appears to currently be under-served. Populations identified as being under-served and as a priority to serve with these funds were: out-of-school youth, transitional age youth, youth offenders, homeless youth, and youth in foster care. The need for services in the North County area was discussed. Options included creation of a One-Stop and/or a John Muir charter school in North County. However, it was determined these options are not likely feasible with the available carryover funding as carryover funding cannot be relied upon for sustainability of these programs. Additional funding sources would need to be identified for sustainability of a one-stop center or John Muir charter school in North County. The North County was identified as a priority area to serve with the carryover funds. It was proposed that eligibility determination could potentially be done by Department of Social Services' eligibility staff. It was agreed the Administrative Entity would move forward with procuring WIA Youth services to address the identified priority areas of service. Per County policy this procurement process starts with releasing a Request for Proposal (RFP) to the community. WIA Youth Council members will submit names of potentially interested agencies or community members to be included on the bidder's list. A goal was stated for services to start in December to allow adequate time for use of these funds within the remainder of the 2013-2014 Program Year which would require a RFP release date of October 1, 2013.

4.3 Youth Strategies Discussion

Ms. Bear requested a workgroup to further develop the youth strategies section of the local plan. Ms. Bear will contact interested parties (Mr. Green, Mr. McGuire & Mr. Salio) to meet.

Future Discussion Items

Chair McGuire suggested that the WIA Youth Council put together an award or recognition for an employer who has been involved with WIA youth employment and services in our community.

Next Meeting:

4 PM
Wednesday, October 9, 2013
DSS, 3433 South Higuera Street, SLO, 3rd Floor, Room 358

It was agreed that an orientation for Youth Council would be offered for 30 minutes before and 30 minutes after the next Youth Council meeting. Youth and new members will be sent a reminder about the orientation and times.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 5:12 PM.