

**WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD
Of San Luis Obispo County**

Youth Council Minutes

Date: Wednesday, December 11, 2013
Time: 4:00 PM
Location: DSS, 3433 S. Higuera Street, San Luis Obispo, CA 3rd Floor, Room 358

Present: Patrick McGuire (Chair), Sandra Bourbon, John Collins, Matthew Green, Sara Kennedy, Karen O'Brien, Nikita, Domenic Santangelo, Jessica Thomas

Excused: Chris Cronan, Charles Headington, Kevin Kuhn, Celena Malarkey, Melissa Roberts, Jim Salio, Yesenia Sarabia, Tracy Schiro, Emma Tabbara

Staff: Lee Collins, Sarah Hayter, Susan Hoffman (County Counsel), Chenoa Wilkerson,

Guests: Jen Kirn (Cuesta), John Rubin (Henkels & McCoy)

Call to Order and Introductions

Chair Patrick McGuire called the meeting to order at 4:04 PM. **(No Quorum Present)** Chair McGuire announced the retirement of Domenic Santangelo and presented Mr. Santangelo with a certificate of appreciation in recognition of his 10 years of service to the Youth Council.

Public Comment

No Public Comment.

Consent Items

- 3.1 Approval of the October 09, 2013 Minutes:
(In the absence of a quorum, approval of minutes will be tabled until the next Youth Council meeting.)

Information/Discussion/Action Items:

- 4.1 **Review of the Youth Services RFP Evaluation Committee's recommendation for vendor selection for out of school youth services to be provided with PH 12-13 carryover funds Youth RFP**

Lee Collins gave an overview of the Request For Proposal (RFP) process and explained the confidentiality in the process and that he is limited to what he can and can't share with the Youth Council per the County's Purchasing Process. He reviewed the Selection Committee's proposal as included in the packet.

Member Domenic Santangelo expressed that he did not feel that the Youth Council had given direction to move forward with an RFP, and that he had heard that the selected bidder had been meeting with businesses in the North County and telling them that Social Services was not happy with the current Youth Service Provider. He expressed that he felt that the selected bidder was unprofessional, that the current contractor should have been awarded the additional funds, and requested that the RFP be stopped. In response, Mr. Lee Collins explained that this opinion had been expressed previously, that County Counsel had been asked about the process of pulling the RFP, and that in the absence of a compelling financial or legal reason to stop the process, the recommendation from the Selection Committee would be taken to the Executive Committee for approval. Mr. Lee Collins reiterated that Social Services and the County would make every possible effort to limit negative financial impact to the current contractor due to the awarding of this

contract. Youth Council members who wished to voice concerns about the recommendation of the Selection Committee or RFP process were encouraged to attend the Executive Committee on January 8, 2014.

4.2 Review Youth Service Award Draft

Chair McGuire shared that he hopes that the award will help bring employer recognition to the Youth Council.

Discussion ensued about award criteria and possible employer/organization recipients. As for the award itself, the following ideas were shared: a plaque or framed certificate, a news article or notice, a staff lunch, a youth scholarship in the name of the recipient, or a combination of these.

A more comprehensive proposal will be provided at the next meeting.

4.3 Overview of the San Luis Obispo County Office of Education Services for At-Risk Youth

Newly appointed Youth Council Member Jessica Thomas shared an overview of services available to homeless and Foster Youth through the San Luis Obispo County Office of Education (SLOCOE). SLOCOE guides the districts with enrollment and placement and disputes. Member Thomas explained that Foster and homeless youth have the right to remain in their school of origin. There is no requirement that schools provide transportation for Foster Youth (Foster parents receive funds to provide transportation to school) but they are required to provide transportation to school for homeless youth. Member Thomas explained that 1700 youth in San Luis Obispo County are eligible for homeless services based on the COE's definition of homelessness. A screen print of the SLOCOE website was provided along with a list of contact information which will soon be available on their site.

4.4 Receive Youth Services Provider Performance Report

Member Collins and Jenn Kirn reviewed the PY 13/14 1st Quarter Summary Report and shared that the comprehensive report could be obtained from the Administrative Entity. Ms. Kirn shared that there were 1,123 visits to the Youth One-Stop in the 1st Quarter, that the site is now an approved testing site for the Nation Retail Federation Customer Service Certification, and that 10 out of 13 youth passed the test in its first offering.

Future Discussion Items/New Business

No additions.

Next Meeting:

4 PM
Wednesday, February 12, 2014.
DSS, 3433 South Higuera Street, SLO, 3rd Floor, Room 358

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 5:20 PM.