

Item 4.2A

Proposed Revision of the Mission Statement of the Youth Committee of the WDB
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The Youth Committee of the San Luis Obispo County Workforce Development Board (WDB) is an advisory committee to the WDB.

The primary responsibility of the Youth Committee is to provide information and assist with planning, operational, and other issues related to the provision of workforce development services to youth under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA).

In addition to this important role, the Youth Committee will identify individuals, organizations and programs across San Luis Obispo County that are active in youth workforce development, and assist the WDB in developing and recommending local youth employment and training policies supportive of positive and successful efforts by these organizations to broaden youth employment and training. This will be accomplished by establishing linkages with a range of organizations serving youth; identifying and evaluating a range of issues that impact young people's success in entering and continuing in the labor market; and recommending steps to minimize barriers to youth employment.

DUTIES:

1. Convene as a clearinghouse for youth-related workforce issues. Seek and collect stakeholder input to identify workforce needs in the local youth services system.
2. Develop and maintain a working agenda (updated annually) of identified needs to guide the scope and focus of the Youth Committee.
3. Develop relationships with education, training providers, labor, other youth service providers and the business sector to encourage communication and joint problem solving to best prepare youth for the local workforce.
4. Assist in the identification of new resources and access of funding opportunities to spearhead stakeholder collaboration and response to identified needs.
5. Serve as the primary liaison and advisory body to the WIB for youth advocacy and establishing youth funding priorities for WIA funds, including reviewing effectiveness of current contractors and recommending new contractors, as appropriate.
6. Represent the WIB/Youth Council by communicating youth workforce issues, activities, and needs through outreach and communication within the community

Membership of the Committee shall include representatives of community-based organizations with a demonstrated record of success in serving WIOA eligible youth, as well as individuals representing organizations identified as being successful in helping youth enter and fully participate in gainful employment. The Committee shall be chaired by a member of the WDB and shall include other individuals recommended by the Youth Committee, and appointed by the WDB. These individuals may not necessarily be members of the WDB.