

**GOLDEN SIERRA WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD
YOUTH COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

Wednesday, March 19, 2014, 3:00 p.m.

**Roseville Connections
115 Ascot Drive, Suite 180
Roseville, CA 95661**

I. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Quorum was established and the meeting called to order at 3:05pm by Chair C. Nicholson.

Present: Christina Nicholson, Diane Ferrari, Don Huber, Dori Barrett, Lucia Nicholson, Maura Kent, Melanie Esque, Sarah Damerow, and Valaine Hoffmann*

Absent: Janice Petty, Jim Hall, and Jim Hegarty

Guests: Brian Quintanilla, Latanya Johnson, Lori Hensley, Lorna Magnussen, Randy Wagner, Sharon Williams, and Tiffany Psomas

Chair C. Nicholson asked members and guest to share one thing they do for self-care. All meeting attendees participated in this ice breaker.

* 3:10 pm Hoffmann arrived.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Johnson corrected the date under Item IX. The next meeting is on Wednesday, May 21, 2014, not Wednesday, May 15, 2014.

Motion to approve agenda as corrected by L. Nicholson, second by Ferrari.

Motion approved unanimously.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine in nature and will be approved by one blanket motion.

For Approval

A. Approval of Minutes from January 15, 2014 YC meeting

For Information

B. Attendance Log

Item A was pulled off of the Consent Agenda to be modified. Details are presented in Item III (a).

- III (a). Item V, fourth paragraph, Chris Moore's title should read Assistant Superintendent of Education Services & Testing for El Dorado Union High School District.

Item V, fourth paragraph, Hoffmann's name is spelled incorrectly. Hoffmann is spelled with two n's.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda Item A as corrected by Huber, second by Damerow.

Motion approved unanimously.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR THOSE ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Kent announced that Compassion Planet is on schedule to open the Deer Creek Farm in May. The farm will create opportunities for the organization to work with emancipated foster youth between the ages of 18 and 25. The opportunity includes a stipend paid to the youth for up to 25 hours per week. Participants must have their own transportation. The program starts in June and there is a one-year commitment from youth who will cross train in farming and retail.

C. Nicholson shared that the Transitional Housing Placement Plus (THP+) has eight openings in Placer County and five openings in El Dorado County. THP+ provides housing for youth who have emancipated at age 18 or older. Assembly Bill 12 (AB12), also known as the California Fostering Connections to Success Act passed in September 2010 extending foster care benefits and providing more options for emancipated youth. AB12 allows qualified youth (who at age 18 or older emancipated from court ordered foster care or group home) to stay in foster care until age 21. It also helps extend foster care placement and increased opportunities towards independence.

L. Nicholson saw Johnson on the local news and asked Johnson to tell the committee about it. Johnson shared that she tries to avoid any conflict of interest and keeps what she does outside of work separate hence the reason she has not shared before.

Johnson shared that 18 months ago she started a nonprofit organization called Working Women International, a supportive services organization for women seeking employment and those currently employed in need of additional support in order to keep their jobs. One of the goals of the organization is to help eliminate barriers to employment. Their primary program is a Career Closet where qualified women receive free business attire for job interviews and to go to work. In February, the organization opened a boutique, 925, in Roseville which houses the Career Closet. The boutique is 100% volunteer and all proceeds go back in the organization programs. The boutique is co-sponsored by Soroptimist International of South Placer who also provided a \$10,000 grant to open the boutique. In just eight days of sales the boutique grossed over \$3,000 and the Career Closet has served more than 25 local women and more than half have secured full-time employment. Johnson is proud of this accomplishment and shared that the organization and boutique has received a lot of community support. She hopes to continue serving more women in the community and asked Council members to share the information about the programs and services with youth.

V. YOUTH COUNCIL GOALS & STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

Youth Resource Guide – Johnson reported the guide is with the outreach firm being formatted. A draft will be ready soon. C. Nicholson suggested the Council connect with the Placer County Network of Care to have the document uploaded electronically on their website, in addition to the Golden Sierra Job Training Agency website.

Basic Skills Project – C. Nicholson reminded Council members they were continuing to work on the Basic Skills Project of gathering information about local providers of basic skills. At the meeting on Wednesday, January 15, 2014 Council members were assigned specific programs, organizations, or agencies and asked to gather the following information:

- Location
- Eligibility/requirements to receive service
- Cost
- Services offered
- Duration of Service or Program
- Level of Learning
- Success rate / outcome

Members whose name is **red** (below) were given assignments at the Council meeting Wednesday, January 15, 2014 and reported at today's meeting. Members whose name is **black** were given assignments at today's meeting and should be prepared with a report at the meeting on Wednesday, May 21, 2014.

PROGRAM, ORGANIZATION OR AGENCY	MEMBER
Adolfo	Hoffmann
Alison.com	L. Nicholson
Apprenticeships	Damerow
Bayside Church	Kent
Boys & Girls Club	Huber/Hoffmann
CA Conservation Crop	Hoffmann
California Employers Association	Magnussen
Chappa Dei	C. Nicholson
Community Colleges	Hoffmann
Compassion Planet	Kent
El Dorado High District Career Ctrs.	Huber
GCF Learn Free	L. Nicholson
Hip Hop Congress	C. Nicholson
Huntington	Phase 2
Job Corp / Ameri Corp	Hoffmann
Kahn Academy	L. Nicholson
Kumon	Phase 2
Mathnasium	Phase 2
Nevada County Library	Hoffmann

PROGRAM, ORGANIZATION OR AGENCY	MEMBER
Latino Leadership Council	C. Nicholson
PALS	C. Nicholson
Peer Tutors (Placer)	Hoffmann
Placer Adult School	Barrett
Pride Industries	Hoffmann
Roseville Adult School	Damerow
Salvation Army	C. Nicholson

C. Nicholson asked Council members what stood out, if anything based on their research. Hoffman shared the GCFLearnFree stood out for her. It's a free website and accessible to all. There are many programs to learn and skills that can be acquired through GCFLearnFree.

Kent shared most of the providers did not have success rates. There was no knowledge of what really works. Ferrari shared how she was unaware of these providers until the project was initiated. Huber agreed with Ferrari adding his concern about whether or not others knew about the providers and services offered. Magnussen expressed the great part about having done this research is now the Council members are aware of the providers and the services offered and have more resources as a result.

C. Nicholson asked Council members how to incorporate the information that has been gathered. Members suggested providing the information to educators, making it available online, creating a webinar or You Tube channel.

The information gathered and shared will be put into a spreadsheet by each Council member and mailed to Johnson prior to the next meeting. Johnson will merge all of the information into a single spreadsheet. At the next meeting, those with new assignments will provide updates.

VI. EVENT(S) & COLLABORATIVE PROJECT(S) UPDATE - None

VII. REPORT OUTS - None

VII. NEW BUSINESS / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – None

IX. NEXT MEETING – Wednesday, May 21, 2014 – El Dorado Health & Human Services

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn meeting by Kent, second by Nicholson.

Meeting adjourned at 4:59 pm.