

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

Wednesday, May 21, 2014, 3:00 pm

**El Dorado Health & Human Services
3057 Briw Road
Placerville, CA 95667**

I. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Quorum was established and the Chair C. Nicholson called the meeting to order at 3:06 pm.

C. Nicholson announced the following resignations: Jim Hall and Jim Hegerty.

Present: Christina Nicholson, Don Huber, Dori Barrett, Janice Petty, Maura Kent, Sarah Damerow, Tiffany Psomas, Valaine Hoffmann.

Absent: Diane Ferrari, Lucia Nicholson, Melanie Esque.

Guests: Parker Troudt, Lorna Magnussen, Latanya Johnson, Lori Hensley, Jenny Wilson, Ashley Vanier.

Icebreakers: C. Nicholson asked for everyone to share about one celebration in their work and personal lives.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve agenda by Huber, second by Kent

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 March 19, 2014 YC meeting

Informational

B. Attendance Log

Motion to approve Consent Agenda Items A - B, by Hoffmann, second by, Barrett.

Motion approved unanimously.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT-FOR THOSE ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Kent stated there were 190 volunteers over the weekend at Bayside Church for the Serve Project for Deer Creek Farm. Garden boxes were built, a fence was built around the garden, pipes were placed for fencing around the perimeter, dirt poured, and 14 fruit trees and plants were all planted. Our trainees have joined our program and there is a waiting list due to more youths than spots available. It starts June 1, 2015 and we have been given a grant for eight youths and the developer gave us a house for \$1.00 a month. No one can live in the house, but we can teach our workshops, trainings etc. on site.

C. Nicholson stated that Transitional Housing Placement Plus (THP-Plus) has openings in Placer and El Dorado County. There are four openings in El Dorado and eight openings in Placer. Any youths that are ages 18-24, court ordered, or placed in foster care, will qualify for the THP-Plus program. Due to the Assembly Bill 21, the youths can choose to stay in Foster Care up to age 21. We are seeing more young people homeless and parenting.

Magnussen stated that she is reaching out to Folsom Lake College-Placerville Campus and to Del VanDam to see if he, or another representative from his department, may want to participate in the Youth Council. She also stated we need registered apprenticeships represented on the Board.

V. APPROVAL OF 2014/2015 MEETING SCHEDULE

Current meeting schedule is 3rd Wednesday of the odd months from 3:00 to 5:00pm and rotating between Placer & El Dorado County Connection Centers.

Motion to approve the 2014/2015 Meeting Schedule to continue as is by Huber, second by Petty.

Motion approved unanimously.

VI. BOARD DEVELOPMENT

C. Nicholson stated that this is a new item consistent with the WIB path. We are finding that board members are asking what the boards do, how do we understand their roles as Board members, and how does the WIB impact the Youth Council, These questions tie in with the agenda.

Magnussen stated that we want to start at the national level and explained what the act and purpose of it is and then bringing down to the state level and local levels. We want to approach it on that tier level. Our idea was to send out information to you on a monthly basis with a 15 minutes discussion every board meeting, or a retreat. The group discussed it and Magnussen will schedule a day retreat within the next 60 days.

VII. YOUTH COUNCIL GOALS & STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

Youth Resource Guide (YRG)

C. Nicholson stated the interactive Resource Guide is now a part of the Golden Sierra Job Training Agency website.

Magnussen gave a demonstration on the computer and referred members to www.goldensierra.com. Once the graphics is completed then Golden Sierra will print the copies.

Basic Skills

C. Nicholson stated that there are many young people who do not have the basic skills to enroll in college and they are spending two years to get to the classes they would like to take in order to get their AA Degree. We are trying to get contractors or tutors available for these youths. We have found that there isn't any data recording their outcomes, but there are a lot of personal stories.

Hoffmann stated that there is the EAP Math Program at Del Oro and Whitney High Schools. There is a huge success rate and the students are coming out with C's or better. Sierra College has trained four different high schools to do their own assessments at a high school level and they can use the Sierra College PLC Assessment to find out exactly where the students are placing.

Magnussen stated that on a national level, 52% of people from 18 to 65 years are basic skill deficient.

Huber stated there are Career Centers at the high schools to help the students find tutors.

Magnussen stated Golden Sierra, as a Consortium, is trying to do an RFP. They are sending out for two different models. One is a Group Model for Basic Skills Remediation and the other is for individual tutoring and Basic Skills. If you have a youth WIA enrolled, and they are defined as Basic Skill deficient, WIA supportive services dollars, both in Placer and El Dorado County, can be used to provide those services for them. Case managers can provide those services, but we do not have enough case manager time. We are looking for tutoring centers or high schools that already have these models. We are creating a vendor list and we are getting ready to revamp the contract.

Hoffmann stated that Sierra College has done the group Basic Skills and Individual Basic Skills and the group one does better. The youths find empowerment by knowing there are others that do not have basic skills either. We have identified that the lack of basic skills, work readiness, and life skills, is a barrier that is preventing them from total success.

Kent stated Bayside Church has a job fair every other week. Job seekers can drop in and apply for jobs, employers are there at the church, they need to bring their resume, and they are interviewed right there. They have placed over 1,000 job seekers in positions. Bayside Church has a program every Monday that covers everything they will need to secure a job.

RFQ List: (Entity, Email and Contact Name.)

- Bayside Church
- Boys & Girls Club
- Sierra Native Alliance
- Community Colleges
- High Schools and High School Career Centers
- Alternative Education/Continuing Education Schools
- Latina Leadership Council
- CASA (Placer & El Dorado)
- All Recreation Districts
- Hip Hop Congress
- Private Tutors (Kumon, Huntington, & Mathnasium)
- El Dorado County/Placer County Libraries
- Staffing Agencies
- Salvation Army

VIII. EVENT(S) & COLLABORATIVE PROJECT(S) UPDATE

June 15, 2014, Independent City will be at the Rocklin Community Center. Independent City is a nationwide program that local counties can provide to youths as a mock city that has resources, housing, banks, stores, courts and employment information. They create a city, each youth gets money and they go through the city and purchase things and learn self-responsibility. There are two obstacles that can happen in every city. There is a mail delivery person who may give a youth a baby or police officer that will issue a speeding ticket. The contact is Shane Libby at Unity Care 530-886-5473.

IX. REPORT OUTS - None

X. NEW BUSINESS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Lorna will send out a calendar for the Youth Retreat.

XI. NEXT MEETING –Wednesday July 16th, Auburn Connections

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Kent, second by, Huber.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45pm.