

# **WORKFORCE INVESTMENT SAN FRANCISCO**

Local Workforce Investment Board for the City and County of San Francisco

MINUTES OF THE  
AUGUST 5, 2009 MEETING OF THE  
YOUTH COUNCIL OF THE  
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT SAN FRANCISCO (WISF) BOARD  
AT 1 SOUTH, VAN NESS AVENUE, 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR ATRIUM, SAN FRANCISCO

## **Members Present**

Michael Wald, Chair of the Youth Council  
Carla Javits, REDF  
Ciara Wade, New Door Ventures  
Glenn Eagleson, OEWD  
Jim Fithian, SFUSD  
Katy Miller, San Francisco District Attorney's Office  
Kimberly Wicoff, Interagency Council  
Kyle Pedersen, San Francisco Housing Authority

Lorne Needle, United Way of Bay Area  
Maria Su, DCYF  
Maya Razon, Consultant  
Pete Gerharz, Larkin Street Youth Services  
Phyllis McGuire, CCSF  
Rachel Antrobus, TAY SF  
Sam Rubin, TAY SF

## **Members Absent**

Brian Cheu, Mayor's Office of Community Investment  
Damon Lew, UCSF  
Hydra Mendoza, Mayor's Office  
John Knox, Juvenile Probation Department  
Michael Theriault, San Francisco Building and Trades Council

Ruth Barajas, CHALK  
Sara Razavi, Honoring Emancipated Youth  
Steve Arcelona, Human Services Agency  
Yvette Robles, Public Defenders Office

## **Staff & Noteables**

Amy Wallace, OEWD  
Betsy Baum, OEWD  
Marc Majors, OEWD

Monique Forster, OEWD  
Patrick Mitchell, OEWD

## **Public**

(As Evidenced by the Sign-In Sheet)

Gary Tom, CCSF  
Jill Roisen, C.L.A.  
Cathy de Cristofaro, YMCA/Urban  
Aryeetey Welbeck, HEY  
Bruce Fisher, YPH  
Iqra Anjum, TAY SF  
Elicia Phillip, TAY SF  
Katy Sun, CCSC  
Antonio Tom, CCSC  
M. Flores, NCCRC  
Kevin Hickey, JVS  
Anthony Jenkin, TAY SF  
Amanda Gerrie, Pathways  
Allison Cohen, Mayor's Office of Education  
Aaron Winters, Upwardly Global

Ed Espanol, United Playaz  
Givani Henry, Up  
Alvin Woo, JCYC  
Lanya Samuelson, JVS  
Vicky Valentine, Huckleberry Youth Programs  
Lauren Llyeshiro, Huckleberry Youth Programs  
Lauren Muller, CCSF  
Denny David, LYRIC  
Miriam Campion, AJ  
Harold Atkins, Each One Reach One  
Kristin McKennon, Match Bridge  
Nira Singh, RAMS  
Liz Jackson Simpson, YMCA/YGCIC  
Jess Reynolds, New Door Ventures

## **Roll Call**

Michael Wald called the meeting to order at 4:12pm.

**Agenda  
Minutes**

On motion by Mr. Wald, seconded by Kimberly Wicoff, the Council adopted the agenda. Adoption of the Youth Council Minutes from June 3, 2009, on motion by Mr. Wald, and seconded by Phyllis McGuire, the Council adopted the June 3, 2009 minutes.

**Staff Report**

Mr. Eagleson presented on the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP), see item # 4a. SYEP received 790 applications and served 400 youth between the ages of 16-24 years. Young people went through a basic JRT model and were placed in jobs in the private and public sectors. The SYEP program will continue through August 29, 2009 for youth out of school who will continue on to year round services.

Mr. Wald inquired about the education component of SYEP.

Mr. Eagleson replied that SYEP's training component included job readiness training and educational workshops. Given the short duration of the summer program, few of the agencies are providing comprehensive educational programming. They are, however, helping youth with connecting to educational services once they exit the summer program.

Kimberly Wicoff inquired about the eligibility of youth that applied for SYEP.

Patrick Mitchell replied that out of the total youth that applied for SYEP, about 200 or so were ineligible. The WIA paperwork is very rigorous and complex and due to the complexity of the WIA requirements some youth were ineligible.

Discussion followed.

Amy Wallace presented on the Request for Proposal for Economic Stimulus Workforce Funding (RFP #107), see item 4b.

Discussion followed.

Carla Javits inquired about the competitiveness of the RFP.

Ms. Wallace replied that there were 68 proposals received. There was a lot of competition around sector academies and not much competition around the satellite One Stops. The review process was very competitive and rigorous.

Mr. Eagleson stated that the next Workforce San Francisco Investment (WISF) Board meeting is scheduled for August 26, 2009 from 9:00am to 11:00am.

**Request to Amend Local  
WIA Eligibility Criteria  
to Include Former Foster  
Youth**

Mr. Wald presented the action item regarding adding former foster youth to WIA youth eligibility criteria, see item #5a.

The action would allow the Youth Council Board to recommend to the WISF to expand criteria for WIA Youth Services by including "former foster youth" to the definition of the "requires additional assistance to complete an educational program, or to secure and hold employment".

Discussion followed.

**On motion by Mr. Wald and seconded by Phyllis McGuire, the Youth Council Board approved the action to include former foster youth to WIA youth eligibility criteria.**

**Working Group Reports  
(Action Item)**

Carla Javits reported on the Quality Standards working group. The Quality Standards working group requested action on the Approval of Minimum Quality Standards for Youth Workforce Programs see item #6a.

The Quality Standards working group request that the Youth Council Board recommend to the WISF to adopt the Minimum Quality Standards for Youth Workforce Programs to be used as citywide standards in the planning, decision – making and funding of youth workforce programs beginning in 2010.

Discussion followed.

Mr. Wald yielded for public comment on action item #6a.

Liz Jackson-Simpson, YMCA/YGCIC, commented on action item #6a. Ms. Jackson-Simpson would like to ensure that there is support from other City departments and that other City agencies will adopt standards as well as community based organizations.

Mr. Eagleson replied stating that they are in the process of getting public agencies to adopt these but the Quality Standards working group wanted to come up with standards early in order to allow providers enough time to start becoming familiar with the standards as opposed to rolling out the standards in February of 2010.

Discussion followed.

**On motion by Mr. Wald seconded by Carla Javits, the Youth Council Board adopted the Minimum Quality Standards for Youth Workforce Programs.**

Kimberly Wicoff reported on the Alignment of Priorities working group. The group is working on a survey regarding funds that have been released and capturing data around timelines of funding, people involved, and planning relating to funding.

Mr. Wald stated that the City received an invitation to submit an application for a program funded by the Gates Foundation and run by the National League of Cities to increase the number of youth between the ages of 16-24 to obtain a post secondary degree and increase education outcomes. The City submitted a proposal and it is currently in the review stages.

Lorne Needle reported on the Education and Workforce working group. The working group will start to look at recommendations that OEWD and DCYF may have around what is working currently and future design models.

Discussion followed.

**Presentation on DCYF's  
Children's Services  
Allocation Plan**

Maria Su presented on DCYF Children's Services Allocation Plan see item #7a. DCYF will have the plan ready by September to present to the Board of Supervisors.

**Chair's Report**

Mr. Wald proposed that each working group have discussions around the DCYF allocation plan and how it ties in to the work that the working groups are doing.

**Public Testimony on  
Non-Agenda Items**

Mr. Wald called for public comment and yielded no responses. Please see public comment for public comment during working group report out.

**Conclusion**

Mr. Wald adjourned the meeting at 6:03pm.