

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT SAN FRANCISCO

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

MINUTES OF THE
JUNE 3, 2009 MEETING OF THE
YOUTH COUNCIL OF THE
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT SAN FRANCISCO (WISF) BOARD
AT 1 SOUTH, VAN NESS AVENUE, 2ND FLOOR ATRIUM, SAN FRANCISCO

Members Present

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| Michael Wald, Chair of the Youth Council | Kimberly Wicoff, Interagency Council |
| Alisha Taylor, YMCA | Lorne Needle, United Way of the Bay Area |
| Brian Cheu, Mayor's Office of Community Investment | Peter Gerharz, Larkin Street Youth Services |
| Carla Javits, REDF | Rachel Antrobus, San Francisco Transitional Age Youth Taskforce |
| Cassandra James, Center for Young Women's Development | Sam Rubin, Improving Transition Outcomes Project |
| Cheryl Marsh, Department of Probation | Sara Razavi, HEY! |
| Ciara Wade, New Door Ventures | Steve Arcelona, Human Services Agency |
| Damon Lew, UCSF | Yvette Robles, San Francisco Public Defenders Office |
| Glenn Eagleson, OEWD | |
| John Knox, Juvenile Probation Department | |
| Katie Miller, San Francisco District Attorney's Office | |

Members Absent

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| Jim Fithian, SFUSD | Michael Theriault, San Francisco Building and Trades Council |
| Hydra Mendoza, Mayor's Office | Maya Razon |
| Kyle Pedersen, San Francisco Housing Authority | Ruth Barajas, CHALK |
| Maria Su, DCYF | Phyllis McGuire, City College of San Francisco |
| Michael Theriault, San Francisco Building and Trades Council | |

Staff & Noteables

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| Rhonda Simmons, OEWD | Nikki Ford, OEWD |
| Dexter Ligot-Gordon, OEWD | Patrick Mitchell, OEWD |
| Marc Majors, OEWD | Steve Currie, OEWD |
| Monique Forster, OEWD | |

Public

(As Evidenced by the Sign-In Sheet)

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| Gary Tom, CCSF | Alvin Woo, JCYC |
| Jill Roisen, C.L.A. | Lanya Samuelson, JVS |
| Cathy de Cristofaro, YMCA/Urban | Vicky Valentine, Huckleberry |
| Aryeetey Welbeck, HEY | Lauren Llyeshiro, Huckleberry Youth Programs |
| Bruce Fisher, NYP | |
| Iqra Anjum, TAY-SF | |
| Elicia Phillip, TAY-SF | |

Roll Call

Michael Wald, Chair of the Youth Council, called the meeting to order at 4:07pm.

**Agenda
Minutes**

On motion by Steve Arcelona, seconded and carried, the Council adopted the agenda.
Adoption of the Youth Council Minutes from March 12, 2009, on motion by Ciara Wade, seconded and carried, the council adopted the minutes.

Staff Report

Glenn Eagleson, Office of Economic and Workforce Development, provided an update regarding OEWD and the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP). SYEP is a quick start up program for youth who will be working from June 29, 2009-August 29, 2009. Approximately 450 youth will participate in SYEP. Youth will work 20 hours a week and the program will subsidize their wages.

Rachel Antrobus, San Francisco Transitional Age Youth Taskforce, commented on the target number of youth by age for SYEP.

Mr. Eagleson, Office of Economic and Workforce Development, replied that target numbers by age had not been set, although the program will serve youth ages 16-24 years and target young people identified as priority populations of the Youth Council (youth involved with the justice or foster care systems, pregnant/parenting youth, and those who have dropped out or are not on track to graduate).

Alisha Taylor, YMCA, commented on the significant amount of youth who are interested in SYEP between the ages of 22-24 and that many youth expressed difficulty with completing the SYEP application.

Discussion followed.

Ciara Wade, New Door Ventures, inquired about performances measures and rates of success for SYEP.

Mr. Eagleson, Office of Economic and Workforce Development, replied that there is a lot of scrutiny from the state and federal agencies on these funds. The Department of Labor wants the money to be spent quickly and wisely. Mr. Eagleson also stated that the GAO will be monitoring for good utilization of funds.

Steven Currie, Workforce Analyst in the Office of Economic and Workforce Development (OEWD), presented the Request for Proposals for Economic Stimulus Workforce Funding and Other Workforce Services (RFP#107).

Discussion followed.

Chairs' Report

Mr. Wald, Chair of the Youth Council, commented that the previous Youth Council and other groups have already identified target populations that need to be prioritized for services by workforce and education programs. The larger vision would incorporate getting education, training certificates and post secondary education and mapping out the implementation process for targeted groups to achieve the vision.

Working Group Updates

Kimberly Wicoff, Interagency Council, reported on the Alignment of Priorities working group. The group has started to map out a process on available city funding, processes, deadlines and what the goals for alignment are.

Carla Javits, REDF, reported on the Quality Standards working group. The group is working to identify standards that should be set for organizations that receive youth workforce funds and then begin a discussion of the importance of outcomes.

Lorne Needle, United Way of the Bay Area, reported on the Education and Workforce working

group. The group has started to map out young people's educational experiences in San Francisco, what services are available to youth, and resources to bridge education and workforce.

Yvette Robles, San Francisco Public Defender's Office, expressed concern with community based organizations not being included in the policy making process. It is very beneficial for these organizations to be included in the process.

Discussion followed.

**Update on DCYF
Planning Process**

Mr. Eagleson, Office of Economic and Workforce Development, briefly reported on the Department of Children Youth and Their Families (DCYF) Community Service Allocation Plan in Maria Su's absence.

**Update on Gateway to
College**

Kimberly Wicoff, Interagency Council, reported on Gateway to College, which is a national program funded by the Gates Foundation. The program is a partnership with community colleges and school districts to allow youth to re-enroll in high school by taking courses at community colleges while receiving both high school and college credit.

**Public Testimony on
Non-Agenda Items**

Mr. Wald, Chair of the Youth Council, called for public comment and yielded no responses.

Conclusion

Mr. Wald, Chair of the Youth Council, adjourned the meeting at 5:59pm with a reminder that the next Youth Council meeting will be held on August 5, 2009.