

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT SAN FRANCISCO

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

MINUTES OF THE
DECEMBER 2, 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

Michael Wald, Chair of the Youth Council	Lorne Needle, United Way of the Bay Area
Anthony Jenkins, Transitional Age Youth	Maria Su, DCYF
Brian Cheu, Mayor's Office of Housing	Peter Gerharz, Larkin Street Youth Services
Cecilia Ramirez- Ruiz, Transitional Age Youth	Phyllis McGuire, City College (CCSF)
Carla Javits, REDF	Rachel Antrobus, San Francisco Transitional
Ciara Wade, New Door Ventures	Age Youth Taskforce
Damon Lew, UCSF	Ruth Barajas, CHALK
Glenn Eagleson, Director of Policy and	Sara Razavi, HEY! Honoring Emancipated
Planning (Non Voting Member)	Youth
Kimberly Wicoff, Communities of	Steve Arcelona, Human Services Agency
Opportunities	Wilhelmina Parker, Treasure Island JobCorps
	Yvette Robles, San Francisco Public Defenders
	Office

Members Absent

Hydra Mendoza, Mayor's Office	Maya Razon, HR Consultant
Jim Fithian, SFUSD	Michael Theriault, San Francisco Building and
John Knox, Juvenile Probation Department	Trades Council
Katherine Miller, San Francisco District	Ray Yang, Adult Probation
Attorney's Office	

Staff & Noteables

Rhonda Simmons, OEWD	Nikki Ford, OEWD
Monique Forster, OEWD	Patrick Mitchell, OEWD

Public

(As Evidenced by the Sign-In Sheet)

Chi Hong Leung, CYC	Iqra Anjum, TAY-SF
Alvin Woo, MYEEP/JCYC	Amanda Gerrie, Pathways
Gary Tom, CCSF	Jodi Schwartz, LYRIC
Dominica Henderson, S.F Housing Authority	Kevin Hickey, JVS
Karl Leuberg, MOH	Rodney Hampton, Glide
Julina Bonillo, Job Corps	

Roll Call

Michael Wald, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:10pm.

Agenda

(Action Item)

On motion by Michael Wald, seconded by Rachel Antrobus, the Youth Council adopted the agenda.

Minutes

(Action Item)

On motion by Michael Wald, seconded by Lorne Needle, the Youth Council approved the meeting minutes of the October 14, 2009.

Chair's Report

(Discussion Item)

Michael Wald, Chair, stated that the Youth Council and committees have been doing a lot of work towards bringing youth workforce training where it should be in the City. The Youth Council Board will be voting on two action items. Action item #1 is regarding the approval of recommended directions from the Education Working Group. Action item #2 is regarding approval of the general structure of OEWD youth workforce proposal, in addition the Youth Council will vote on the funding frameworks of the RFP. The RFP is a joint effort between OEWD and DCYF for 10 to 15 million dollars of workforce money.

Working Group Updates

(Action Item)

Ciara Wade presented on the Quality Standards Working Group update. The Youth Employment Coalition will be hosting a meeting on December 3, 2009 at JVS to discuss how quality standards will be applied and how the standards will impact organizations applying for funding.

Michael Wald added that the Quality Standards that have been adopted by the Youth Council have been adopted in the RFP.

Discussion followed.

Lorne Needle presented on the Education Working Group's recommended goals, priorities, and structure of youth workforce programs.

Brian Cheu inquired about the disconnected youth between ages 18-24 and the expectation to get that particular group back into the workforce system.

Pete Gerhartz responded by stating that Larkin Street has a program called HireUp to help youth between the ages of 18-24 reconnect. The recommendations from the Education Working Group provide a framework as part of entry to get youth between the ages of 18-24 to get back into the workforce.

Discussion followed.

Carla Javits inquired about the role of the workforce system pertaining to education and if the workforce system is to act as a support system to the education system.

Rhonda Simmons responded that the workforce system is a mixture of both workforce and education. The issue depends on the economic context and the reality of today's economy is that there are not many jobs for people who are not highly educated, let alone people who have no skills. Because there are not a lot of jobs, more investment is put into getting people skilled up. DOL funds cannot be a safety net for education, there has to be some flexibility, but the end goal is getting people jobs.

Discussion followed.

On motion by Lorne Needle and seconded by Damon Lew the Youth Council approved the recommendations from the Education Working Group.

Discussion followed.

Staff Report

(Discussion Item)

Glenn Eagleson presented on DCYF/OEWD Youth Workforce Development Funding Strategies. The minimum quality standards adopted by the Youth Council will be clearly embedded and

reflected in the RFP. The RFP will be released tentatively in mid January. The bidders conference will be held in February and proposals will be due in March.

Conflict of Interest Policy
(Discussion Item)

Michael Wald informed members of the Youth Council of the Conflict of Interest Policy. Any member of the Youth Council who may have a conflict of interest due to their relationship to a potential applicant organization or through a family member, may not vote on or participate in discussions of the RFP framework.

Discussion followed.

Adoption of Funding Framework
(Action Item)

Kimberly Wicoff recommended that the goals and priorities of the Education Working Group recommendations be clear in the RFP.

Discussion followed.

Michael Wald added that the Youth Council Board does not have a formal role in the RFP. Much of the language in the RFP had been approved by the Citizen Advisory Committee.

On motion by Kimberly Wicoff and seconded by Carla Javits the Adoption of the WIA strategies of the Funding Framework was approved by the Youth Council with the recommendation with clarification on the language of the RFP to reflect the Education Working Group recommendations.

**Abstentions: Anthony Jenkins, Cecilia Ramirez-Ruiz, Ciara Wade, Damon Lew, Lorne Needle, Maria Su, Phyllis McGuire, Peter Gerharz, Sara Razavi, Rachel Antrobus, Ruth Barajas, Sam Rubin, Steve Arcelona, and Yvette Robles,
Absent: Hydra Mendoza, Katherine Miller, Jim Fithian, John Knox, Maya Razon, Micheal Theriault, and Ray Yang.**

Discussion followed.

TAY Initiative Update
(Discussion Item)
Interagency Council Update
(Discussion Item)

The Youth Council did not discuss the update on the TAY Initiative.

The Youth Council did not discuss the update on the Interagency Council.

Public Comment

Jodi Schwartz, LYRIC, expressed concern with the set of recommendations from the Education Working Group, agenda item #4.

Conclusion

On motion by Michael Wald, seconded and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15pm.