

**GOVERNOR'S WORKFORCE BOARD-RI
YOUTH DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
April 21, 2006**

MINUTES

Members Present: Brandon Melton; Sharon Moylan, Robert Paniccia, Jack Warner
Members Absent: Adelita Orefice, Martin Trueb,
Staff Present: Michael Koback, Dottie Miller, Lori DelRossi, Sharon Petrarca, Marsha McDowell,
Others present; Lori Norris, Goodwill Industries; Youth Council Chair, Providence/Cranston WIB.

With a quorum present, Chair B. Melton called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m. He stated that the agenda included both Summer Youth Employment Programs that the committee is focusing on this year: the "Yes-2- Work" Program for youth ages 16 to 19 and the "We-Can-2" Program for youth ages 14-15.

Chairman Melton then asked the committee to review the minutes of the March 9, 2006 meeting. The members reviewed the minutes as presented.

A motion was then entered by Robert Paniccia to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2006 Youth Development Committee meeting. Martin Trueb seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

Chairman Melton asked Dottie Miller to provide the members with an update on the progress of the "YES-2-Work" Program following the March 23rd Kick-Off breakfast at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Warwick. She explained that 35 – 40 companies had attended the breakfast. Members stated they were pleased with the event and the attendance. Dottie added that about ten companies had identified about 17 jobs for youth and that she had developed a Job Order for them to complete and return. She stated that some companies had returned them and others had been in touch by phone. She also stated that she and staff had developed an Applicant Profile Sheet for interested youth to complete. She noted that the form included background information on their work preferences, grade level, school location, and previous employment to assist staff with matching them to available jobs. Jack Warner stated he would like to see further emphasis on school performance by asking for the current GPA not just grade level. D. Miller agreed that the question would introduce an emphasis on school performance in the initial contact format. She also stated that in an effort to increase the number of employers involved, a large display ad would be posted in the Sunday Providence Journal encouraging employers to hire youth for the summer. She also stated that she had been asked to present to the Workforce Committee of the RI Human Resource Managers on May 9th, to promote the initiative.

Chairman Melton then asked Lori Del Rossi to report on the "We-Can-2" Youth Employment Program for youth ages 14-15. Lori reported that a Request For Proposals was issued on March 13, 2006, followed by a Bidders' Conference on March 15th. She added that she and Dottie Miller had hosted the conference at the Providence netWORKri Center, and that representatives from over 45 organizations had attended. She added that the minutes had been posted on the website with a list of bidders' questions for all to see. She went on to report that 34 proposals for a total request of over \$2 million were submitted by the due date of April 14th and were reviewed and rated by a team of workforce professionals. Lori stated that the rating scores were averaged to reach a final score for each proposal and that because less than \$650K was available, only eleven of the top scoring proposals could be funded. Lori presented information about each of the proposals and the committee reviewed the materials. She presented the following list of top scoring programs to the committee for funding consideration, which included numbers of youth to be served and the amount of funds requested.

	2006 We-Can-2 Funded Organizations	Youth Served	Proposal Score	Amount
1	Volunteers In Providence Schools	25	93	38,348.00
2	Central Falls Family Self-Sufficiency Foundation	20	90	24,335.00
3	Women & Infants' Hospital of Rhode Island	50	89	73,027.50
4	Goodwill Industries of Rhode Island	24	89	52,847.00
5	Family Resources Community Action	15	89	32,502.00
6	Tri-Town Community Action Agency	40	89	98,262.00
7	Boys & Girls Club of Newport County	24	88	35,000.00
8	Central RI Area Health Education Center (CRIAHEC)	25	87	35,000.00
9	Urban League of Rhode Island	50	85	88,190.00
10	North End Community Learning Collaborative/Sophia Academy	14	85	25,318.00
11	South County Community Action Agency	40	85	98,262.00
	Totals:	327	n/a	601,091.50

Committee members discussed the programs and the areas of the state they served. Lori also stated that each proposal would be negotiated to cut a limited amount of unallowable costs and to attempt to increase the number of youth to be served.

A motion was made by Martin Trueb to approve the eleven "We-Can-2" programs as presented for a total amount, not to exceed \$601,091.50 in funding. The motion was seconded by Robert Paniccia. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

Chairman Melton thanked the committee and staff for their commitment and accomplishments to-date to ensure quality services were available to Rhode Island's youth. He also thanked staff for their hard work. He stated he would take the committee recommendations to the Strategic Investments Committee on Tuesday April 25th for final approval.

Under new business, Chairman Melton stated that apprenticeship programs would be discussed in the fall.

There being no new business to discuss, Chairman Melton called for the meeting to be adjourned.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Chairman Melton and Commissioner Jack Warner seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 am.

Respectfully Submitted

Dottie Miller, Projects Manager WPGR