

**GOVERNOR'S WORKFORCE BOARD RI
YOUTH DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (YDC)
February 3, 2010**

Minutes

Members Present: B. Melton, Chair, R. Coia, R. DiPasquale, S. Moylan, M. Trueb

Members Absent: S. Powell

GWB Staff Present: J. O'Hare, N. Olson, D. Brown, M. Mooney

DLT Staff Present: M. Palumbo, C. Ribeiro, J. Thibedeau, S. Chomka

Others Present: A. Walsh, D. Beneduce

Chair Melton welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 8:25 a.m.

Minutes of Youth Development Committee meeting

Chair Melton asked for a review of the meeting minutes of the 2/3/10 Governor's Workforce Board Youth Development Committee (GWBRI – YDC). He asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes.

Vote: M. Trueb motioned to approve the minutes of the GWBRI-YDC meeting as presented. R. Coia seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous; the motion passed.

Youth Funding

Chair Melton asked John O'Hare to discuss the youth funding item on the agenda. J. O'Hare noted that as part of his report at the last board meeting, he was notified of a reduction in projected revenue for FY10 and FY11 of approximately \$1.8M for the Job Development Fund (JDF). He indicated this change was based on projections from the Labor Market Information (LMI) unit. He indicated there is a need to realign funds and to adjust and redesign programs based on an influx of federal funds.

J. O'Hare reported that approximately \$500,000 of JDF funds that were allocated to the Workforce Partnership of Greater RI (WPGRI) in FY09 were not obligated by them last year. He indicated that approximately \$700,000 in American Resource Recovery Act (ARRA) funds and \$2M in WIA funds that were also not obligated. He commented that there was more money in the system than the system had capacity to deal with, noting the 10,000 youth served within the system.

J. O'Hare reported that the State Workforce Investment Office (SWIO) has de-obligated \$500,000 of JDF funds that was not obligated. He referenced Workforce Investment Notice (WIN) 09-09.

J. O'Hare reported that due to the influx of ARRA, the SWIO contacted the U.S. Department of Labor, Boston Office, for approval for using these funds for operation of the youth centers. He indicated that additional sources of funding for Jobs on Main Street and TANF were possible. He reported that discussions are ongoing for the utilization of TANF funds, in collaboration with the LWIBs, to implement a program through our system.

Youth Funding Request for FY10

Other funds are available to replace the JDF money that is being de-obligated from the Youth FY10 allocation that was approved at the September 10, 2009 Strategic Investments Committee meeting. The request was for \$2M and was based on estimates provided by the two local WIBS on the costs associated with the operation of the Youth Centers which is \$500,000, their FY 10 allocation will be reduced by \$1.5M. He noted that the allocation reduction will be offset by additional WIA youth funds and the ARRA summer jobs fund as well as DHS funds.

In response to questions from the committee on funding cuts made across the board to other programs, J. O'Hare discussed the reduction of funding strategy. He noted the first action is to de-obligate money that has not been obligated and to utilize federal and other funding streams in the place of JDF funds.

Chair Melton asked for a motion to reduce the allocations from \$2M to an amount not to exceed \$500,000.

Vote: R. DiPasquale motioned to approve. S. Moylan seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous; the motion passed.

Shared Youth Vision Replication

J. O'Hare noted that the board authorized the Shared Youth Vision replication project which was presented and recommended at the July 16, 2009 Strategic Investments Committee meeting. He noted this is a planning project which can be funded through federal dollars. He indicated that the resolution for the approval of the Shared Youth Vision project did not specify the funding source so a vote is not required to switch the funding

World of Work Replication Project

Regarding the World of Work (WOW) replication project, J. O'Hare reported that \$102,000 was not obligated to vendors and has been de-obligated.

Youth Programs Update

Maureen Palumbo, Acting Chief of Youth Services, provided an update on Youth Programs. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is in the meeting packet.

Other Business

Chair Melton noted that the next YDC meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 5, 2010 at 8:30 a.m. He asked committee members if they could attend the meeting if it began at 8:00 a.m. All agreed.

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, Chair Melton asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting of the GWBRI-YDC.

Vote: R. DiPasquale motioned to adjourn the meeting of GWBRI-YDC. R. Coia seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous; the motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Mooney