

**GOVERNOR'S WORKFORCE BOARD RI
YOUTH DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (YDC)
April 5, 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, D. Brown, M. Mooney

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

Others Present: R. Seitsinger, RIDE

Chair Melton welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 8:05 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: R. DiPasquale motioned to approve the minutes of the GWBRI-YDC meeting as presented. S. Moylan seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous; the motion passed.

Youth Programs Update

Chair Melton asked Maureen Palumbo to provide an update on the Youth programs. M. Palumbo introduced Roy Seitsinger from the RI Department of Education (RIDE). M. Palumbo indicated that she recently attended a brain storming session held by Commissioner Gist at RIDE to discuss multiple pathways for students. R. Seitsinger provided background information on the multiple pathways initiative, a systems approach identified in RIDE's strategic plan. He indicated the goal is to implement multiple pathways that support and prepare all learners with success in college, careers and life. He referred to this as a linked learning opportunity which could include such options as a virtual high school, college e-learning and in-school and out-of-school opportunities for career training and other routes toward graduation. Chair Melton asked R. Seitsinger to present the white paper on this initiative at the next YDC meeting.

M. Palumbo reported that the recent series of BEST youth worker training is complete and that 29 have graduated and noted there is a waiting list for this training in September. She reported on the statewide youth contracts from April 1, 2010 through March 31, 2011. There is a handout in the meeting packet "Youth Programs Update PY 4/1/2010 – 3/31/2011) which provides specific details on the funding and number of participants served.

Statewide Work Readiness Standard

M. Palumbo referred to the handout entitled "Work Readiness Requirements (WIA Funded Youth Programs). She indicated that the measures listed are requirements for the WIA summer programs and are contracted. The handout lists age appropriate activities and measurements that are to be completed by the Work Ready Provider. This handout is available in the meeting packet.

M. Palumbo and C. Ribeiro provided information on the WIA summer program and the RFP that will be issued on April 6, 2010. It was noted that this RFP for summer employment opportunities for youth is being released in anticipation that the funding will be awarded by Congress through the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) for 2010. It was noted that when Congress returns from recess on April 12, 2010, it may reconsider this funding.

Shared Youth Vision (SYV) Regionalization Project

M. Palumbo provided an update on the Shared Youth Vision (SYV) project noting that this program supports a collective case management system in RI to better serve youth. She noted the next step is to replicate the pilot project throughout the state and that it is projected 2000 “at risk” youth could be served.

World of Work (WOW) Replication Project Update

M. Palumbo reported that the current WOW program in the communities of Lincoln, Newport and Exeter -West Greenwich will be ending in August. She mentioned that the curriculum has not yet been endorsed by the Department of Education. The next steps for this program are being currently being considered.

Reschedule of May Meeting

Chair Melton requested that the May 26th YDC committee meeting be rescheduled to Friday, May 14, 2010 at 8:00 a.m.

Adjournment

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Mooney