

**GOVERNOR'S WORKFORCE BOARD RI
YOUTH DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (YDC)
November 15, 2010**

Minutes

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

Members Absent: M. Trueb

GWB Staff Present: L. D'Agostino, M. Mooney

DLT Staff Present: M. Palumbo, J. Thibedeau, Frank Cerilli, C. Grieco,
S. Chomka, S. Carello, A. Muhammad

Others Present: Sharon Lee, RIDE; Lori DiPina, DCYF

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 10/4/10 Governor's Workforce Board Youth Development Committee (GWBRI – YDC). He asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes.

Vote: R. Di Pasquale motioned to approve the minutes of the GWBRI-YDC meeting as presented. S. Powell seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous; the motion passed.

RI Shared Youth Vision (SYV) Presentation

Chair Melton introduced Sharon Lee, Director of the Office of Multiple Pathways, at the RI Department of Education (RIDE). M. Palumbo reported that Sharon is the new Co-Chair of the RI Shared Youth Vision project and that they will be working together to oversee this project.

Chair Melton asked M. Palumbo to provide an update on the SYV project. M. Palumbo stated that the SYV project is in the beginning stages of a 24 month replication project. She provided a historical perspective noting that the RIDLT received a grant in 2007 to conduct a pilot to demonstrate the effectiveness of state-level partnerships and program outcomes and to develop a technical assistance plan so that a collaborative vision may be infused throughout the country. She noted that RI approached this from a perspective of developing a state team that would oversee a collaborative case management model. She reviewed the pilot design, and provided detail on the Providence Based Pilot (11/1/08 – 12/31/09) and youth and system outcomes.

M. Palumbo noted that Lori DiPina is the liaison for the Department of Children, Youth & Families (DCYF) and that she brings issues relating to case management to the state team. She indicated that the meeting format includes case managers from different agencies sharing information about the most difficult cases. M. Palumbo noted that with this format, state agency leaders have the opportunity to be informed about direct services, which can assist them in setting policy. M. Palumbo reported the 24-month replication project will expand the pilot model into five regions across RI. The timetable for the replication project is from April 1, 2010 through March 31, 2012. M. Palumbo reviewed the project objectives, benefits of participation and the sustainability framework, all of which are noted in the handout of the PowerPoint presentation. L. DiPina shared a case management example that resulted in positive outcomes, with the committee.

Youth System Update

Chair Melton asked M. Palumbo to provide an update on the youth system. She provided a brief background on funding and services and a snapshot from program year 2009. She explained that the program vendors are required to participate in YouthWORKS411 sponsored events and professional development offerings including the annual confab, youth vendor expo, and summer showcase. M. Palumbo provided information of the YouthWORKS411 Professional Development Plan noting the BEST Youth Worker Certificate Training Program and the provision of training at the quarterly joint vendor meetings held by the two LWIBs. She reviewed the investments of JDF, WIA and ARRA funds for program year 2010 and the anticipated funds for program year 2011. This information is more specifically noted in the handout of the PowerPoint presentation.

Professional Development & Work Readiness Camp

Chair Melton asked M. Palumbo to provide an update on the Professional Development and Work Readiness Camp. M. Palumbo mentioned that this program may be offered again for the summer of 2011 if funding is available. This summer camp is coordinated through the Community College of RI (CCRI) at several of their campus locations. M. Palumbo explained that this program offers work readiness instruction, self assessment, vocational assessment, soft skills and financial literacy topics. She noted that the instruction occurs in a small classroom setting, is age appropriate and exposes the youth to the college environment.

Strategic Planning Sub- Committee

Chair Melton reported that he met with Lisa D'Agostino, Nancy Olson and Maureen Palumbo and discussed establishing a strategic planning sub-committee to consider alternate funding resources to keep the youth initiatives moving forward. He mentioned this would be an interdisciplinary group that could include the industry partners who would look at ways to fund services and programs. He noted that he would update the committee and proposed that the first subcommittee meeting would be scheduled in about 6-8 weeks.

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. R. Di Pasquale seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous; the motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Mooney