

GOVERNOR'S WORKFORCE BOARD RI
YOUTH DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 7, 2011

MINUTES

Committee Members Present: Brandon Melton, Chair, Robin Coia, Sharon Moylan

Committee Members Absent: Ray DiPasquale, Martin Trueb

GWB Staff Present: Rick Brooks, Nancy Olson, Maureen Mooney, Angelo Dafonseca, Dan Brown

DLT Staff Present: Maureen Palumbo, Adrianna Good

Others Present: Malcolm Baxter, B.I.S.

Location: RI DLT, Conference room 72-1

Chair's Call to Order

Chair Melton welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m. He introduced Rick Brooks as the newly appointed Director of the Governor's Workforce Board.

Minutes of the Youth Development Committee

Chair Melton asked for a review of the meeting minutes of the 9/8/11 Governor's Workforce Board Youth Development Committee (YDC). He asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes.

VOTE: S. Moylan motioned to approve the minutes of the Youth Development Committee meeting as presented. R. Coia seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, the motion passed.

JDF Funding Request for YouthWORKS411

Chair Melton asked Maureen Palumbo to present the funding request for the youth centers. M. Palumbo explained the funding cycle for the youth centers noting that the full year program runs from April 1st through March 31st and that current youth center funding ends on March 31st. She indicated that the JDF funding request before the committee is for \$100,000 to fund the youth centers from April 1, 2012 through June 30, 2012.

M. Palumbo explained the Youth Development Committee makes a recommendation for funding which would go before the GWB Strategic Investments Committee for approval and then the full board. She emphasized that without continued funding, youth services statewide would drastically change and explained the different criteria for WIA and JDF funding.

Chair Melton asked if there was a motion recommending funding for the youth centers from April 1, 2012 through June 30, 2012 in the amount of \$100,000.

VOTE: R. Coia motioned to recommend funding in the amount of \$100,000 to fund the Youth Centers from April 1, 2012 through June 30, 2012. S. Moylan seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, the motion passed.

2011 Summer Program Update

Chair Melton asked Maureen Palumbo to provide an update on the 2011 Summer Program. M. Palumbo referred to the meeting handouts which provided a summary for both the Workforce Partnership of Greater Rhode Island and Workforce Solutions of Providence/Cranston. The information included total participants served, age group, maximum and average participation hours, and status at exit.

Strategic Workforce Plan: Goal 4: Youth Are Ready for Work and Lifelong Learning

Chair Melton reported that the Executive Committee recently met and asked that the committees review and comment on the objectives that were prioritized at the December 1st board retreat. He asked committee members to review the objectives 4.1, 4.2 and 4.5 under Goal 4 to determine if they were in agreement with these priorities. He noted the importance of the other objectives even though not identified as the highest priority. All of the objectives were discussed and there was agreement on the priorities selected.

YouthWORKS411 Quarterly Report

Chair Melton asked Maureen Palumbo to provide an update on the YouthWORKS411 quarterly report. M. Palumbo reviewed the hand-out entitled Statewide WIA/JDF – Data Collection and noted that the period of reporting was from 4/1/2011 – 9/30/2011 which included 2 quarters. She reviewed the statewide information including total contracted to serve, age at participation, race, gender, education level, in or out of school status, risk factors and barriers, services received, outcomes and wage information. She introduced Adrianna Good as the Statewide Youth Center Manager.

U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL), Young Adult Conference

Chair Melton asked Maureen Palumbo to speak about the recent USDOL Conference. M. Palumbo reported that the regional conference was held in Boston on November 14-16th. She mentioned the conference title “Working Collaboratively to Provide Work and Learning Opportunities for Young Adults”. She indicated that Rhode Island was noted as a model for best practices for the state based on the partnership between the RIDLT and RIDE. She stated conference topics included the proposed RI Youth Summit, the Shared Youth Vision project and the Career Pathways System Task Force work.

RI Youth Summit

Chair Melton provided an overview of the proposed RI Youth Summit and referred to the draft of summit objectives and agenda. He reviewed the vision statement which is to provide Rhode Island youth with the opportunity to receive the educational, work readiness and life skills needed to pursue a successful career. He reviewed the goals and objectives and noted there could be two separate summits: one for the public sector and one for the private sector. There was discussion on this and a suggestion to combine both into one. This will be considered as the work on the summit goes forward.

Adjournment

With no further business, Chair Melton asked for a motion to adjourn.

VOTE: S. Moylan moved to approve.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:34 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Mooney