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**GOVERNOR'S WORKFORCE BOARD RI
YOUTH DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
JULY 14, 2014
MEETING MINUTES**

Committee Members Present: Robin Coia, Chair, Timothy Byrne, Sharon Moylan
GWB Staff Present: Sherri Carello, Hillary Feeney, Amelia Roberts, Dan Brown
Others Present: Nancy Olson, Carlos Ribeiro, Anne Walsh, Adrianna Goode;
WPGRI/WSPC
Location: RI Department of Labor & Training, Conference room 72-1

Chair's Call to Order

Chair Coia welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m.

Minutes of the Youth Development Committee

Chair Coia asked for a review of the meeting minutes of the December 12, 2013 Governor's Workforce Board Youth Development Committee (YDC). She asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes.

VOTE: S. Moylan motioned to approve, seconded by T. Byrne. All were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

2015 Summer Programs

WPGRI

Chair Coia asked Carlos Ribeiro to provide an update of the Workforce Partnership of Greater Rhode Island (GRI) 2015 Summer Programs. C. Ribeiro referred to the GRI summer funding recommendations handout for JDF and DHS funds, noting since the last Youth Committee meeting, \$600,000 in DHS funds were awarded to support GRI and WSPC Summer Youth Employment. C. Ribeiro reported the same vendors were used for both DHS and JDF summer programs, noting a total of \$283,005.26 in DHS funds was requested after negotiations and a total of 210 youth are being served. He indicated some of the JDF vendors such as RIMTA, RI Hospital and Westbay Community Action, were not able to serve DHS youth due to their classroom size. S. Carello inquired about the bidding process for the DHS summer program. C. Ribeiro stated the same RFP was used for both JDF and DHS summer programs. He noted the time constraints did not allow for new vendors to be considered. The committee discussed vendors who did not pass the threshold, total funding requested (\$1,031,374), total funding after negotiations (\$886,725), and the number of youth that are being served with JDF funds (688).

Chair Coia requested a presentation from the Institute for Labor Studies and Research at the next Youth Development Committee meeting in September. She noted their last presentation is at the Boys and Girls Clubs of Providence and encouraged committee members and staff to attend. Anne Walsh noted she was impressed with their presentation at CCAP. Chair Coia inquired about site visits. Carlos Ribeiro noted he will provide a schedule of events once dates have been set.

WSPC

Chair Coia asked Anne Walsh to provide an update of the Workforce Solutions of Providence/Cranston (WSPC) 2015 Summer Programs. Anne Walsh referred to the WSPC summer funding recommendations handout for JDF and DHS funds, highlighting the DHS total funding after negotiations (\$219,205) and total number of youth to be served through the DHS Summer Program (138). She noted Metropolitan Regional Career and Technical Center did not receive funding because they did not submit an audit. She discussed the total negotiated funding for JDF (\$473,202) including the Institute for Labor Studies costs, the total youth to be served (303) and cost per person

after negotiations. Chair Coia suggested presenting funding information on a single spreadsheet for comparative purposes. C. Ribeiro noted the administrative and operational costs are less than 10% of the \$1.5 million allocated for FY15 Summer Youth. T. Byrne asked why the negotiated funding amounts and number of youth served increased or decreased for some of the JDF vendors. A. Walsh noted during negotiations, the main focus was to ensure vendors were sufficiently covering their costs.

Changes to WIA Common Measures

Chair Coia asked Carlos Ribeiro and Anne Walsh to discuss the changes to the WIA Common Measures. C. Ribeiro and A. Walsh highlighted the major changes to the Common Measures, noting there is no longer a distinction between older and younger youth and the age range has been changed to include youth from ages 14-24. They stated the common measures associated with older and younger youth have been condensed from seven common measures to three for all youth. The committee discussed the needs assessment, flexibility of the new measures, and the comparison of JDF and WIA fund requirements.

New Reporting Procedures

Chair Coia asked Sherri Carello to discuss the new Youth reporting procedures for JDF funds. S. Carello referred to the FY15 performance report and asked committee members and staff for their feedback on the layout, targets, and additional reporting requirements. Comparing the GWB reporting form targets and the current data tracked through the LWIBs, the committee agreed to remove "Recruited" and "Completed" from the targets to be reported on. S. Carello indicated the revised reporting form will be distributed once the updates have been made.

New Business

Chair Coia asked if there was any new business the committee should discuss. Referring to the Youth System and GED handout, Anne Walsh indicated that RIDE funding for youth GED programs has become less of a priority after Johan Uvin left the position as the Director of RIDE. She noted the goal to increase the number of youth with a high school credential or diploma remains unachieved, adding that some GED providers are not willing or unable to provide services to Youth Centers. A. Walsh highlighted that CCAP is the only youth center in the state providing GED services and has helped over 300 youth each year achieve the GED. With the new GED system changes, only 42 youth statewide have achieved their GED. She stated RIDE is working on a new RFP and suggested that the Youth Development Committee recommend to the larger Board or RIDE to reinstate youth-only programs as a priority for funding and require youth GED providers to offer their services through youth centers. The committee further discussed the effects and outcomes of the new GED system changes. Chair Coia noted she will bring the discussion to the Adult Education Committee and asked for additional information and talking points to present to the committee. T. Byrne inquired about the age range of youth receiving their GED. Anne Walsh noted the additional time requirements associated with the system changes. T. Byrne expressed his concern with supporting youth under the age of 18 who choose to drop out of school to obtain their GED.

Adjournment

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

VOTE: S. Moylan moved to approve, seconded by T. Byrne. All were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amelia-Anne Roberts