



Shared Youth Vision Council
Department of Labor and Workforce Development
1 John Fitch Way, 13th floor Auditorium
Trenton, NJ 08625
Thursday, Feb 27, 2014
10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

I. Welcome & SETC Director's Remarks

The SYVC meeting was called to order. Kirk Lew welcomed all members to the meeting and asked each member to introduce themselves to the group. The members of the council were given a brief description of the meeting's various discussion points. Kirk asked if each member had an opportunity to review the meeting minutes for the SYVC meeting on September 26th, 2013. The meeting minutes were accepted by the council with no objections. Michele Boronkas, Executive Director of the SETC was introduced to the council and prepared a year in review for the SYVC members.

II. SYVC – Year One Review
Partnership with USDOL

Michele presented a PowerPoint presentation, which linked the development of the Unified State Plan aligned with the activities. Michele discussed the activities which led to the formation of the SYVC. Michele explained the voice of youth was missing from the discussion at the SETC commission level. The commission decided a staff member needed to be hired and dedicated to youth workforce needs throughout the state. Kirk was hired based on this need. Michele highlighted two specific areas in the first year activities for the SYVC

Manpower/SETC – Martie Telepo (Manpower) coordinated discussions between SETC and The New York Association of Training and Employment Professionals (NYATEP) and National Association of Workforce Development Professionals (NAWDP), to conduct presentations about the activities of the Shared Youth Vision Council. Manpower and the SETC will be doing a joint presentation about the SYVC, our strategic planning process and the activities currently being operationalized by the council. The NYATEP youth academy conference presentation will take place in Albany NY on March 21st and the NAWDP presentation will take place in Denver, Colorado on May 4th. The presentation outlines the following events;

- Jersey Fresh Team's trip to Boston in 2011.
- SETC hiring of a youth concentrated policy analyst.
- Creation of the Shared Youth Vision Council
- Alignment with the NJ Unified State Plan
- Creation and implementation of SYVC goals and objective.

New Jersey's State Shared Youth Vision Council is the first of its kind in the northeastern region of the country. SETC has been invited to participate in USDOL run youth focused technical assistance conference calls for the state's department of labors and state WIBs in the North Eastern states, Puerto Rico and the U.S Virgin Islands. The activities occurring in New Jersey on the state and local level will be highlighted during these calls. SETC will continue to work with SYVC members and local WIB areas to gather and articulate the promising practices occurring in New Jersey.

Martie from is excited to present with the SETC at both NYATEP and NAWDP. Martie from Manpower made a comment about the great working occurring in New Jersey and her excitement for what will happen in year two of the SYVC and its goals and objectives.

Michele went through the SYVC year one review PowerPoint presentation, which was also presented to the SETC Commission. The PowerPoint presentation was similar to the presentations given at both NYATEP and NAWDP, with more emphasis on the strategic planning and policy developments. The presentation focused on SETC and SYVC strategic planning and alignment, creation of local area policies like 6th barrier and operationalization of the strategic plan as it involves youth.

III. Office of Attorney General Youth Build symposium/Municipal Planning Boards

Wanda Moore from the Office of Attorney General and Michael Simmons from Rutgers Cornwall Center made a presentation about the six municipal planning boards. It is important to remember that each planning board has specific topical areas of focuses with topics ranging from but not limited to; juvenile crime, education, job readiness, employment and positive youth development. SYVC members will be sent out electronic copies of the Municipal Planning Boards' program chart, model and basic information. Below is a brief excerpt from the Municipal Planning Board Introduction.

In 2009, the state of New Jersey established the Municipal Crime Prevention Initiative (MCPI) as part of a comprehensive strategy to promote positive youth development and address the antecedents of juvenile crime and delinquency.

The MCPI is a citywide prevention planning organizational structure operating in the six New Jersey cities of Asbury Park, Atlantic City, Camden, Newark, Trenton and Vineland. Each of the boards are focused on helping their respective communities "connect the dots" through a collaborative of key stakeholders dedicated to expanding opportunities for the emotional and social development of young people. The Planning Boards are meant to add value to the many initiatives currently underway in each of the respective cities, and is not meant to undermine or undercut any existing efforts.

IV. SYVC Subcommittees

- System Capacity Building – The system capacity initiative is an ongoing process and by the council meeting quarterly and continuing communication, we are continuing to build internal capacity. The SYVC is currently waiting for clearance to start the information gathering process for the case management educational modules.
- Youth Build Symposium – The Youth Build Symposium was a success. 77 Youth Build students from all over the state attended a workforce development symposium focused on employability skills, social media, soft skill development and career exploration. The event took place at the College of New Jersey and had a positive effect on many of the young people. The event will be used as a promising practice when designing future youth focused symposiums in New Jersey.
- Non WIA Youth program – Manpower and the Bergen County WIB are interested in discussing the creation of a Non-WIA youth program. The two parties will start initial discussions about program goals and objectives in May 2014.
- Youth Summits/Symposiums – Mercer Co. WIB held a youth summit in Oct 2013 focused on career exploration within NJs industry sectors. The summit served over 125 school age youth and consisted of information sessions with the Talent Networks and local Mercer Co businesses. The Mercer Co. youth summit along with the Youth Build symposium will be used as promising practices for upcoming SETC/DOE sponsored Youth summits in 2014.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was opened for general comments. Mr. Anthony Jimenez for the Department of Children and Families gave a brief introduction on the creation of the 15 DCF youth advisory councils through New Jersey. The youth advisory councils will consist of youth in the DCF system and will be youth driven. SETC and LWD are looking at ways to engage these groups and utilize their expertise and knowledge when it comes to workforce development. The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 am. The next meeting is scheduled for May 15th at 2 pm. The location will be determined at a later date. The meeting is being moved to a location in Newark to accommodate the Newark Leadership Academy, who will be in attendance at the next meeting.