



**Shared Youth Vision Council
Rutgers School of Criminal Justice
123 Washington Street, Room 502
Newark, NJ 07102
Thursday, May 15, 2014
2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

Meeting Minutes

I. Welcome new members and special guest SETC Director's Remarks

Kirk Lew from the State Employment Training Commission (SETC) called the meeting to order at 2:10 pm. The May 15, 2014 Shared Youth Vision Council (SYVC) meeting was held at the Rutgers School of Criminal Justice to accommodate the special guests from the Newark Leadership Academy. Five students from the school's policy governance council were in attendance to observe the SYVC and gather tips on properly running a meeting. The SYVC had two new members added to the council. Robin Ulmer is a representative of the United Way of Northern New Jersey, and Leigh Carter is a representative of the Morris/Sussex/Warren youth services. The meeting minutes from the February 27th, 2014 SYVC meeting minutes were sent to members via email for review. The council was asked if there were any issues, problems or concerns with the meeting minutes. There were not issues presented to the council at that time. Martie Telepo gave the first motion to accept the meeting minutes and they were seconded by Roger McCloughan. All members of the council voted to accept the minutes; there were no objections.

II. NYATEP Youth Academy & NAWDP

The SYVC had the opportunity to present at two workforce development focused conferences. Martie Telepo from Manpower along with the SETC, partnered to present at the New York Association of Training and Employment Professionals (NYATEP) and National Association of Workforce Development Professionals (NAWDP). We submit proposals centered on the creation of the SYVC, its formation and the strategic initiatives currently implemented by the council. The presentation highlighted the strategic planning process, alignment with the Unified State Plan and operationalization of first year goals and objectives. The two presentations went well. USDOL representatives from region two; which consist of states located in the northeastern region of the country, heard the presentations and would like to broadcast the presentation on a WebEx webinar feed sometime this year.

III. SYVC Subcommittees

• **Social Media Initiative**

The social media initiative is in the process of being reviewed by New Jersey Labor and Workforce Development (NJLWD). NJLWD has reviewed the project charter and is

considering funding the project. SETC is waiting for funding approval. The SETC is exploring other methods of funding.

- Local Youth Investment Councils (YICs)

The SETC is providing local YICs with technical assistance in a variety of ways. The SYVC plays a huge role in providing the SETC with expertise on the various youth related programs and services. The information gathered in SYVC meetings is shared with the local workforce areas and their YICs. The SYVC is currently working on a PowerPoint presentation that will assist local areas with creating a comprehensive YIC. The PowerPoint will focus on YIC membership, strategic planning and collaboration between partners. The SETC and NJLWD have monthly meetings that look at the operational and performance of local area youth programs and services.

- DCF Leadership Advisory Councils

Sidney Battle from Department of Children and Families (DCF) reported that the 15 DCF leadership advisory councils will be meeting to discuss their responsibilities and areas of focus. The advisory councils are youth focused and driven, so the youth participants get to choose their goals and objectives. Sidney will share the work of the SYVC with each advisory council, so they can decide if they would like to partner with local WIB and YIC areas and share their expertise. The goal would be to align each of the DCF leadership advisory councils with the closest local WIB areas.

- Non WIA Youth program

Manpower is interested in working with a local WIB area to help design a program specifically designed for the potential youth participant that doesn't qualify for services financially, but skill needs the training, work opportunities and career exploration and development. The program would utilize the employer resources of both Manpower and the local WIB. Manpower and the employer representatives on the local WIB and YIC would engage the employers in directing their corporate responsibility initiatives towards funding programs designed to provide the non WIA eligible youth with workforce development training. The program was in the process of being designed collaboratively by Manpower and a WIB area in Maryland. The same model will be applied and modified to the needs of a local WIB area in New Jersey.

- SETC/DOE - WIB Youth Summits/Symposiums

The national grant opportunity directed towards the local WIB areas is being approved by NJLWD. The goal is to make the NGO public in the next week so the local areas have ample time to draft proposals and design program and follow up services. Kirk is putting together the Youth Symposium panel review board. The board will be made up of the SYVC members presenting the various state agencies. The SETC is in the process of ensuring funds are transferred and T&A sessions are designed to instruct grantees on NJCAN and the NGO.

IV. JAG Career Development Conference

Roger McCloughan from the Department of Education assist in the operation of the Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) program. The JAG program is hosting a career development event at the Mercer County College Conference Center. The event is designed to test the employability and workplace focused skills of the JAG students from the Newark and Camden programs. The students attended an all-day conference that focused around several

events that showcased their skills in the areas of interviewing, application writing, public speaking, and telephone etiquette. Mr. McCloughan is looking for SYVC members to serve as judges during the day of the event. Roger gave a description of the event and what would be required of the judges. Mr. McCloughan will send the SETC information about the event, which will be emailed to all the SYVC members.

V. Adjournment

The SYVC members field some questions from the Newark Leadership Academy members in attendance. The meeting was adjourned at 3:42 pm.

Next Meeting: Thursday, September 11, 2014, Child Welfare Training Academy, New Brunswick, NJ.