



**Shared Youth Vision Council
Learning Resource Center
200 River View Plaza 1st Floor
Trenton, NJ
Thursday, September 11, 2014
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

Meeting Minutes

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

Kirk called the meeting to order at 10:10 pm. The Shared Youth Vision Council (SYVC) meeting was held at the Department of Education Learning Resource Center. The SYVC had several new members recently added to the council. The meeting minutes from the May 15th, 2014 Shared Youth Vision Council meeting minutes were sent via email to the members for review. Kirk asked if any members had any issues, problems or concerns with the meeting minutes. There was one correction necessary. Roger McCoughan requested a change be made to who is identified as the current leadership of the JAG program. The corrections were made Robert Hough was the first motion to accept the meeting minutes and they were second by Robert Mercado. All members of the council voted to accept the minutes; there were no objections.

II. Youth Advisory Boards

Aaron Ivery a representative of the Youth Advisory Boards (YABs) made a presentation in regards to the YABs. These boards are supported and sponsored by Rutgers University and Department of Children and Families. Aaron and his two southern region YAB ambassadors would like to inform more youth stakeholders of the board, their purpose and the impact youth can make by becoming a part of the YABs. Kirk will be in touch with YAB regional coordinators to discuss better collaboration between YABs and the local public workforce system. The youth voice needs to be better represented on the local Youth Investment Councils. Effective use of the YABs by the YICs will ensure the needs of youth are included in policy, planning and performance.

III. WIOA

The SYVC members had an exploratory discussion on WIOA and how the new legislature will effect youth we serve, stakeholders, program design and public workforce system. Below are some of the key items discussing during the meeting. The SYVC decided to create a subcommittee that would expand upon the SYVC's exploratory discussion and develop recommendations for the SETC commission on the policy, planning and performance concerns for youth under WIOA. The following people have volunteered to become a part of the

subcommittee. (Allison Spinelli, Lori Godorov, Aaron Ivery, Kirk Lew, Darrell Price and Youth participant from Newark Leadership Academy)

- 75% minimum local area expenditure for Out of School Youth (OSY) - exception for states that receive minimum allotment, who can use minimum of 50% of funds for OSY if they show there aren't enough OSY in their state
- Maintains same formula for allotments for youth
- Maintains competitive procurement requirement, although there is a new exception to use sole source in rural areas if not enough eligible providers
- low income definition keeps poverty line and 70% of LLSIL for low income, but does include those eligible for free or reduced lunch; also there's a special rule for OSY that says an out of school youth living in a high poverty area is automatically low income (didn't include a definition for high poverty area)
- Performance measures change substantially – 6 common measures across all programs including youth (with just minor differences for youth in the first 2 measures). Six measures are:
 - Placement in employment/education in 2nd quarter,
 - Retention in placement in 4th quarter,
 - Median earnings,
 - Diploma/credential attainment,
 - Measurable skill gains (sounds similar to lit/num.), and
 - Employer effectiveness measure
- Eligible youth = out of school youth and in school youth; OSY = 16-24 years old, not attending any school, and 1 or more of 8 identified barriers (note that if an OSY is a dropout or is of compulsory school age and hasn't attended in a full school calendar quarter they don't need to be low income, otherwise they do need to be low income); ISY = 14-21 years old, attending school, low-income, and has 1 or more of 7 identified barriers.
- New language on career pathways as part of assessment and ISS development
- Allows for a local area to do a pay for performance contract w/ up to 10% of their local funds
- 14 required program elements to be available – 9 are the same as current law (summer employment is combined w/ paid and unpaid work experience so capture current 10 within the 9 plus 5 new elements:
- There is a new minimum 20% expenditure requirement on the paid and unpaid work experience program element for both OSY and
- Eliminates Youth Council requirement

The shared youth vision council agreed to form a subcommittee/taskforce that would be tasked with uncovering NJs youth related concerns in WIOA. The subcommittee would serve the following purposes;

- Side by side comparison of WIA and WIOA
- Inform SETC commission of possible systemic policy needs as it pertains to youth and WIOA
- Provide strategic initiative to coordinate communication, TA and oversight between local youth operations, LWD, SYVC and local WIB areas.
- Suggestion on operational and systems policy needs for NJLWD
- Help identify and providing TA to local WIB areas.
- Continue to provide systems evaluation of WIOA as it is implemented throughout NJs.

IV. SETC/DOE - WIB Youth Summits/Symposiums

Allison Spinelli gave a brief description of the youth symposium being held by the Cumberland County WIB and their One Stop Career Center. The Cumberland County event will consist of workforce development activities for freshman and sophomores in the schools located in the county. 50% of the students have to come from the priority or focused schools, as identified by Department of Education. The youth symposiums are scheduled to occur throughout the month of October 2014, while follow up activities occurring in 2015. The Youth symposiums are being modeled after successful youth focused events hosted by YouthBuild and Mercer County WIB and One Stop.

V. SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

The social media initiative has been reevaluated due to the passing of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. Instead of focusing on a research study that demonstrates the impact of social media on youth and their career/workforce activities, the SYVC will discuss a new initiative. The SYVC has decided to create a subcommittee that will focus on the best practices being seen throughout the country and New Jersey. Leigh Carter, a youth manager from Morris/Sussex/Warren discussed his local areas attempt to establish a locally recognized social media policy. The policy is currently being reviewed by the local government. The need for a statewide established social media policy is imperative for the state of New Jersey, if we are going to effectively recruit and engage out of school youth populations. Four SYVC members have agreed to become members of the social media subcommittee. (Roger McCloughan, Leigh Carter, Kirk Lew and Allison Spinelli.)

VI. Adjournment

The SYVC members not assigned to a subcommittee were all encouraged to lend their support and expertise to either one of the newly established groups. The members were also encouraged

to think about other concerns and issues that were not posed during the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 pm.

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