

**Workforce Development Board
YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETING**

Workforce Development Board Conference Room
Workforce Development Department Administration Office
290 North D Street, 6th Floor, San Bernardino, California

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2017 10:00 a.m.

MINUTES

Attendees:

Members	Present
B.J. Patterson (Chair)	X
John Andrews	X
Ken Boshart	X
*Andre Bossieux	X
Phil Cothran	X
*Lowell King	X
Dale Marsden	
*Audrey Mathews	X
Tony Myrell	
Jon Novack	
*Fernando Olivarez	X
William Sterling	X
*Hassan Webb	
Jonathan Weldy	X

**Public Members*

Staff to WDB	Present
Devra Bell	X
Sandy Harmsen	
Reg Javier	X
WDD Staff	Present
Coley Bowman	X
Fred Burks	X
Curtis Compton	X
Miguel McQueen	X
Stephanie Murillo	X
Mariann Ruffolo	X
Janeth Tran	X

OPENING

- 1) Chair called meeting to order at 10:08 AM
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Adoption of Agenda

Chair called for a motion to adopt the agenda. Will Sterling motioned; Ken Boshart seconded. None opposed, motion carried.

- 4) Introductions were made.

CONSENT

- 5) Motion to approve Minutes from the July 13, 2017 Youth Committee Meeting

Chair called for a motion to approve the Minutes for July 13, 2017 Youth Committee meeting. Lowell King motioned; John Andrews seconded. None opposed, motion carried

PRESENTATION

- 6) Success story

Participant shared experience in school, getting in trouble at school and with the law; he joined the fire explorers, who introduced him to the Inland Empire Healthcare Training Institute. He is now working.

- 7) Youth Build

Felix Marchany from the YouthBuild Inland Empire presented on services Youth Build offers in the area. Youth Build serves youth 16-24 years old. He discussed his program and the connections within the County. He is working on connecting to other organizations to expand connections for youth, especially for career engagement. Originally, YouthBuild began to help assist in the area of construction, but they do much more now. On average, they see 200 kids a year and graduate 20-30 kids a year.

DISCUSSION

8) Charter School Process Policy

Mariann Ruffolo presented this item regarding the policy and criteria for letters of support for Charter School partnerships. Currently, the Workforce Board is officially partnered with three Charter Schools. There have been others requested. Mr. Bossieux asked about this policy and if other counties have the same criteria. Ms. Ruffolo confirmed that Riverside County does not have a policy and that it is suspected that we are one of the first to create such criteria because charter schools are being funded to do specific work only if they are supported by a Workforce Board.

Reg Javier stated that this draft policy is the first attempt to draft something that will expand partnerships with entities that have the same vision as we do -- for vocational pathways and career education leading to careers and meaningful employment.

Mr. Boshart asked how many charter schools open per year and asked about the entity being established before getting an endorsement. Mr. Patterson stated that the Workforce Boards would come after they are established and have their own partners.

Any committee feedback will be added into the document; updates will be made and presented to this committee in October.

Mr. Bossieux mentioned that there are approximately 37 charter schools in the County. Ms. Mathews stated that Charter schools must be certified by the school district and that the school district vett both the curriculum and the school itself.

9) Next Steps on Youth Committee Strategic Action Goals

Mariann Ruffolo presented this item. The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Child Family Services is moving forward.

INFORMATION

10) Y4 Update

Workforce Development staff member, Nidia Vargas presented this item. She informed the committee that based on feedback from participants, the college theme was selected to move forward. Staff is in the process of contacting schools for hosting, but unfortunately, they were not able to accommodate the fall date, so now looking at March of 2018. DVT Marketing (the event planner) is looking at Victor Valley College, the Claremont Colleges, or Loma Linda University for potentially the first or second week of March. It continues to be a bit challenging to find a location that will hold the large group at the colleges.

11) County Report

Mariann Ruffolo presented this item. The West End Job Fair is coming up. A career exploration event is planned for the construction industry to be held on Sept. 29. The workshop/event will be separated into two tiers, those who are already interested in construction and those that want to get started in the industry.

For the Career Pathways project - 3 Superintendents are meeting next week to discuss work based learning in manufacturing and healthcare to target as a pilot. Work-based learning has a special event on Ground Hog Day, so staff is researching opportunities for job shadowing on that day. The committee will hear more about it as things move forward.

Reg Javier gave an update on the Meeting of the Minds, the presentations that were given, and the positive response to the career pathways initiative presentation.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Three Public Comment cards were submitted.

Benoni Pantoja from Charter School Partnership spoke on being excited about the process for Charter Schools and the criteria that is being presented because it ensures that the partnership is strong. He expressed appreciation to this committee for leading the way on developing the partnerships and discussions about wrap-around services to youth.

Teresa Taylor from Career Institute suggested that the Charter School criteria include a requirement that an organization be in business for 3 years.


Audrey Mathews of Mathews and Associates announced the new schedule for the upcoming year of symphony performances at the San Bernardino Symphony with a new maestro.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair called for a motion to adjourn. Will Sterling motioned and Lowell King seconded. None opposed; motion carried.

Meeting ended at 11:00 a.m.

The next WDB Youth Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 18, 2017 at 10:00 am to be held at WDD Admin, 290 North D Street, 6th Floor, San Bernardino, CA 92401.



Stephanie Murillo, Acting Staff to the WDB