

**WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD  
YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETING**

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

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 2018 10:15 a.m.**

**MINUTES**

**Attendees:**

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

*\*Public Members*

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

**OPENING**

- 1) **Chair called meeting to order** at 10:19 a.m.
- 2) **Pledge of Allegiance** led by Dale Marsden
- 3) **Adoption of Agenda**

Chair called for a motion to adopt the agenda. Andre Bossieux motioned; Lowell King seconded. None opposed, motion carried.

- 4) **Introductions** were made.

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

- 5) **Approve Minutes from January 17, 2018 Youth Committee Meeting**

This item was moved to the position after the Presentation

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- 6) **Comments from the General Public in Attendance**

No public comments presented.

**PRESENTATION**

- 7) **Thrive Nation Pilot**

Dale Marsden provided an introduction of Thrive Nation, which started as a non-profit in 2002, designed to help young adults between the ages of 18 and 25, with personalized one-on-one coaching. The personalized coaching is designed to assist these young adults with finding their passion and refining it over time; developing the skills they need to thrive. The coaching sessions last between 6-12 weeks and then a post assessment is conducted. They also have an app that assists with the coaching and connecting with students. Although there are opportunities to connect in person, most connections are online, via Skype, email and via telephone calls.

Rick Schreiber introduced Ben Montelongo, who shared his experience of coming out of the military and working with Thrive Nation. His program was about connecting to emotions and passions. Edgar Diaz, a freshman at UCR majoring in Psychology, participated in sessions that were 10 weeks long. His coach is located in London, England, but he still felt a strong connections with her. He described the connection during the second quarter of college, when he didn't do as well as the first quarter, because he didn't put into practice what he learned. Once he incorporated the steps and techniques that he learned from Thrive Nation, he realized how important it is to continue using the tools offered.

The comments from the Board were positive and encouraging. Ken Boshart noted that there may be a missing piece with the K-12 system in connecting with youth before they get disconnected. Rick Schreiber discussed facilitating change early on to assist with keeping these youth connected.

#### **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

##### **5) Approve Minutes from January 17, 2018 Youth Committee Meeting**

This item was revisited. The Chair called for a motion to approve the Minutes from the January 17, 2018 Youth Committee Meeting. Will Sterling motioned; Lowell King seconded. None opposed; Motion carried.

#### **REPORTS AND INFORMATION**

##### **8) Strategic Action Goals Report – Career Pathways**

Janeth Tran discussed the Y4 event that occurred on 3/16/18 and noted that more than 500 you were in attendance. Supervisor Ramos made a presentation, along with Sandy Harmsen. B.J. Patterson shared that the event was very impressive and the speakers were very engaged. The youth appeared to connect directly with the attendees. Dr. Marsden gave an update on the Career Pathway project. The goal is to secure 400 placements during this summer and another 600 in the fall. The first group that is being placed will be at Arrowhead Regional Medical Center, once they complete college courses at Valley College.

#### **MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

##### **9) Member Announcements**

Lowell King congratulated the staff on the Y4 event and expressed his appreciation for their effort.

#### **COUNTY REPORT**

##### **10) County Report**

Janeth Tran advised the Youth Committee members that the Career Catalyst contract had been approved at the Board of Supervisors meeting held 3/20/18.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair called for a motion to adjourn. Jonathan Weldy motioned and Dale Marsden seconded the motion. None opposed; motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:14 a.m.

The next WDB Youth Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 30, 2018 at 10:15 a.m. to be held at WDD Admin, 290 North D Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, San Bernardino, CA 92401.

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Devra Bell – WDB Secretary