

**WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETING**

“Pursuant to the Governor’s Executive Order N-29-20, the Committee meeting was held via teleconference and a publicly noticed location was provided for public observation and comment.”

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2020 – 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM

MINUTES

Attendees:

| Members | Present |
|------------------------|----------------|
| B.J. Patterson (Chair) | X |
| Ken Boshart | X |
| *Andre Bossieux | X |
| Phil Cothran | X |
| *Lowell King | X |
| Dale Marsden | X |
| *Audrey Mathews | |
| Jonathan Weldy | X |
| Joseph Williams | X |

**Public Members*

| Staff to WDB | Present |
|---------------------|----------------|
| Devra Bell | X |
| Marlena Sessions | X |

OPENING

- 1) **Chair called meeting to order** at 11:01 AM
- 2) **Pledge of Allegiance** – Jonathan Weldy led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3) **Introductions** – The Board Secretary took roll call attendance.
- 4) **Adoption of Agenda** – The Chair called for a motion to adopt the agenda. Lowell King motioned; Andre Bossieux seconded the motion.

Pursuant to Government Code section 54953 (b)(2), a roll call vote was called as follows:

B.J. Patterson, Chair: Aye
Ken Boshart: Aye
Andre Bossieux: Aye
Phil Cothran: Aye
Lowell King: Aye
Dale Marsden: Aye
Audrey Mathews: Absent
Will Sterling: Aye
Jonathan Weldy: Aye
Joseph Williams: Aye

Without further comment or objection, motion carried by unanimous vote.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- 5) **Approve Minutes from the September 23, 2020 Youth Committee Meeting**

The Chair requested a motion to approve the minutes from the September 23, 2020 Youth Committee Meeting. Jonathan Weldy motioned; Lowell King seconded the motion.

Pursuant to Government Code section 54953 (b)(2), a roll call vote was called as follows:

B.J. Patterson, Chair: Aye
Ken Boshart: Aye
Andre Bossieux: Aye
Phil Cothran: Aye
Lowell King: Aye
Dale Marsden: Aye
Audrey Mathews: Absent
Will Sterling: Aye
Jonathan Weldy: Aye
Joseph Williams: Aye

Without further comment or objection, motion carried by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

6) Comments from the General Public in Attendance - There were no Public Comment cards presented.

PRESENTATION

7) Youth Mental Health First Aid

The Chair introduced Erin Brinker, Director of Programs and Development and Christina Walbert from the Making Hope Happen Foundation, who provided an overview of their foundation. They discussed the Youth Mental Health First Aid training course that is available for individuals who work with adolescents aged 16-24, that may suffer from mental health issues and addiction. Additional information provided included the responsibilities of a Mental Health First Aider; who should take the training, such as parents, teachers, coaches, camp counselors; how to become certified as a Mental Health First Aider and future opportunities in this field. A discussion ensued about the successes the youth providers have encountered in referring others to this program.

WORKSHOP

8) Youth Committee Goals

The Chair, B.J. Patterson, led the workshop and requested that each member submit their goals for the committee for 2021. He discussed some of the goals that had previously been submitted, which included: Foster Youth and how to best connect them to services before they leave the system; reducing underemployment of youth; connecting our AJCC offices with the youth providers and building capacity for our youth providers. Lastly, Mr. Patterson would like to establish a mission and vision for the Youth committee. The members discussed how to segregate the crossover of individuals that qualify under WIOA vs. the Mental Health system.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair called for a motion to adjourn. Dale Marsden motioned; Andre Bossieux seconded the motion. None opposed; motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 PM

The next WDB Youth Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 13, 2021 at 10:30 AM to be held via Zoom Conference.



Devra Bell – WDB Secretary