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Meeting of the Sacramento Works Youth Council

Date: Wednesday, October 13, 2010

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Location: SETA Board Room
925 Del Paso Blvd., Suite 100
Sacramento, CA 95815

AGENDA

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Welcome
2. Review and Approval of Minutes of the September 10, 2010 Meeting
3. Discussion Item – WIA Youth Procurement Planning
4. Reports on youth-related “green” initiatives
Invited presenters: SETA Green Jobs Corps
Soil Born Farms Green Jobs Corps
Sacramento Tree Foundation
5. Green construction opportunities – Dennis Morin –
Sacramento Area Electricians Training Center
6. Updates on Sacramento Works Youth Initiatives – Green
Jobs Corps video
7. Other business

Members: Brian Broadway, Patricia Espinosa, Matt Kelly, John Koogle, Bina Lefkovitz, Dennis Morin, Deborah Portela, Maurice Read, David Younger.

DISTRIBUTION DATE: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2010

**Meeting of the
SACRAMENTO WORKS, INC. YOUTH COUNCIL
Minutes**

SETA Board Room
925 Del Paso Blvd.
Sacramento, CA 95815

Tuesday, September 14, 2010
8:30 a.m.

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call**

Mr. Kelly called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

Members Present: Brian Broadway, Matt Kelly, Bina Lefkovitz, Dennis Morin, Deborah Portela, David Younger.

Members Absent: Patricia Espinosa, John Koogle, Maurice Read.

Others Present: Phil Cunningham, Christine Welsch, Julie Davis-Jaffe, Pam Moore, Becky Walton.

2. **Review and Approval of Minutes of the May 12, 2010 Meeting**

There were no questions or corrections to the minutes.

Moved/Morin, second/Younger, to approve the May 12 minutes as distributed.
Voice Vote: Unanimous approval.

3. **Update on Sacramento Works for Youth Summer 2010**

Last summer the board approved a program with Los Rios Community College to engage young people while they are still in high school.

Frank Malleret, Sacramento City College, spoke of their summer program. Of the 20 youth that began the program, 15 returned which is significant due to the normal high dropout rate. All of the Sac City College staff participating in the program was thrilled to do so and all were impressed with the class. The students received college credits. The youth were from Hiram Johnson and they graduated this past June. The courses were designed to get the youth ready for the work place but to also hone the youth skills on how to do basic research and preparing for college. Most of the youth enrolled were considered at risk. It was to give the youth an idea that college was an option. Ms. Welsch reminded that Youth Council that Youth Council initiative funds were utilized and it was a wonderful investment. Ms. Becky Walton was acknowledged and thanked for her outstanding support.

4. Safe Community Partnership Initiative

Lt. Bill Champion, Sacramento Police Department, Safe Community, stated that for the past 2½ years SETA and the Police Department have been working to tackle the gang issue. Lt. Champion stated that from 2006-2009 nationwide there was a decrease in crime, but in 2010 there has been an increase in crime. Their program worked in partnership with faith based organizations, law enforcement, the judicial system and local government. Lt. Champion provided an overview of the five building blocks of Safe Community Partnership. The message to gang members is that their continued illegal behavior would not be tolerated and the initiative wants to provide options for them to leave this violent lifestyle.

Mr. Younger inquired whether RT was a partner since RT seems to be a conduit for gangs. Lt. Champion stated that the police have done some stings noting that many of the gang members are younger so they use the light rail system to get back and forth.

SETA has taken the lead as far as implementation. At the initial meeting, the youth are told that they are guaranteed a job but that SETA does guarantee assistance. If the youths express an interest in GED or training, staff will work to get the youths the assistance. Staff want to convene a meeting of community members and employers interested in helping address this issue. SETA and the City of Sacramento are pooling resources from four grants to implement this program.

5. Service Learning Model for Youth Services

Deb Bruns, Service Learning Network, provides services to region 3 which is the greater Sacramento area. Service learning engages youth is a teaching strategy. It is not a particular program but a strategy. Service learning assists in building team work, critical thinking, communications, and problem solving. Service learning projects can act as a bridge for youths to move into jobs.

6. Update on Sacramento Works Youth Initiatives

Ms. Julie Davis-Jaffe reported that 904 youths were served over the summer. Examples of worksites included the Boys and Girls Club, Center for Multicultural Education, the Ronald Mc Donald house, Sacramento City Hall, several parks, urban gardening, local government, and Goodwill Industries. More youth were served this summer due to the addition of TANF funding. Ms. Welsch acknowledged Ms. Julie Davis-Jaffe for her outstanding work on the summer program.

7. Review of 2009-2010 Year-end WIA Program Performance

Ms. Welsch reviewed the year end performance on the Individualized Services. The Youth Specialists stationed at the career centers are required to service at least 400 youth per year.

Mr. Vidal Gonzalez, La Familia Counseling Center, spoke of their out-of-school youth program. They work with foster youth and they continue tracking their youth participants even if they do not finish training.

Ms. Robynne Rose Haymer, Elk Grove Unified School District, stated that she is extremely pleased with their program. They target youths with 50 or more credits to complete.

Mr. Younger asked how many youths are eligible for services. Ms. Welsch replied that using TANF eligibility as a guideline, it is estimated that approximately 20,000 youth in the Sacramento region are eligible but our program serves only 800 youths. Mr. Younger was very pleased with the stats this year. Ms. Welsch stated that staff provided very intense technical assistance to help the providers meet their goals for the program.

8. Other business

Ms. Welsch stated that at the next Youth Council meeting there will be more examples of what is going on with our programs. Board members will be given an opportunity to consider how to implement the WIA youth program. At the last planning process, the Youth Council identified targeting serving very at-risk youth and career pathways as priorities. The plan is to release a request for proposals in January or February with the funding decisions to be made in April/May. Interested providers would be required to respond to the RFP to be considered for funding. All program services will begin in July 2011.

To prepare for the RFP process, Ms. Welsch asked the Youth Council whether they would consider having monthly meetings. It was decided to have monthly meetings in order to prepare the information necessary for the RFP.

Meeting adjourned at 9:52 a.m.

ITEM 3 - DISCUSSION

WIA YOUTH PROCUREMENT PROCESS

BACKGROUND:

The Sacramento Works Youth Council began the public planning process for the procurement of WIA Youth services at the September 2010 Youth Council meeting. The agenda included an overview of two strategies that could be incorporated into the WIA youth program service model:

- **Service-Learning** is a teaching strategy that integrates meaningful community service with instruction and reflection to enrich the learning experience, teach civic responsibility, and strengthen communities. To further explore this concept, SETA is sponsoring a training of WIA youth providers and SETA staff in Service Learning.
- **Safe Community Partnership** is a partnership of the City of Sacramento, SETA and faith and community-based organizations targeting services to the youth engaged in violence and gang lifestyle. This initiative is currently supported by three grants from the State of California and the US Department of Justice.

The October 2010 meeting agenda continues the planning process with the following topics:

- Youth-related “green” initiatives
 - SETA Green Jobs Corps
 - Soil Born Farms Green Jobs Corps
 - Sacramento Tree Foundation
- Green construction opportunities - Sacramento Area Electricians Training Center
- Other options for youth services/community input.
- Review of RFP planning calendar

ITEM 6 - INFORMATION

YOUTH EMPOWERMENT STUDIO PRODUCTION OF SACRAMENTO WORKS FOR YOUTH GREEN JOBS CORPS 2010

BACKGROUND:

The Center for Multicultural Cooperation (CMC) produced a documentary video of the ARRA funded Sacramento Works for Youth 2009 and 2010 Summer program. CMC also produced a documentary video on the Sacramento Green Jobs Corps program. This program, coordinated by SETA, provides youth ages 16 to 24 career exploration, training and employment opportunities in the “green economy”. Two primary components of the Green Jobs Corps program are environmental stewardship and community service projects. This video captured perspectives of how the program impacted the youth, parents, employers and youth providers. The youth producing this documentary were participants in the 2010 ARRA Sacramento Works for Youth summer program. The documentary will be a great asset for highlighting the Sacramento Works Green Jobs Corps program.