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Meeting of the Sacramento Works Youth Council

Date: Wednesday, December 8, 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. Introduction of New Members
3. Review and Approval of Minutes of the November 10, 2010 Meeting
4. Discussion: Continuation of WIA Youth Procurement Planning
5. Other business

Members: Ron Barroga, Brian Broadway, Patricia Espinosa, Matt Kelly, Bina Lefkovitz, Philip Moore, Dennis Morin, Deborah Portela, Maurice Read, Nicole Sohm, David Younger.

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

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

Wednesday, November 10, 2010
8:30 a.m.

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call:** Mr. Kelly called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

Members Present: Brian Broadway, Patricia Espinosa, Matt Kelly, Dennis Morin, Deborah Portela, Maurice Read.

Members Absent: Bina Lefkovitz, David Younger

Others Present: Phil Cunningham, Ron Barroga, Philip Moore, Asoka Ishiura-Lluch, Christine Welsch, Julie Davis-Jaffe, Pam Moore, Terri Carpenter, Stacy Heu, Tim Taylor, Liz Lutrell, Kim Mueller, Mary Kimball, Ginger Brunson, Mike Brim, Marty Araiza.

2. **Review and Approval of Minutes of the October 13, 2010 Meeting**

The minutes were reviewed; no questions or comments.

Moved/Espinosa, second/Read, to approve the minutes.
Voice Vote: Unanimous approval.

3. **Update on Sacramento Works for Youth Initiatives**

Ms. Welsch provided an update on the Sacramento Safe Community Partnership (SSCP). This partnership includes SETA, City of Sacramento Police Department, ACT, ROP, parole, probation, and other community organizations. In addition, WIND Youth Services has joined to provide street outreach services. Young people who are gang members are 'called in' by their probation officers. Twenty-one were invited and 17 showed up, which is a very high number. The young people were interviewed and some have already been enrolled in the program. Each of the youth filled out a SMARTware application and a survey. The youth are assigned a SETA case manager to coordinate employment and social services. The intent is to engage youth in pro-social activities and away from violence.

Ms. Julie Davis-Jaffe reported that the feedback from the program operators on the summer program was that it went smoothly. Youth are still getting jobs from the summer; 76 youth have retained or gotten a job since the summer program.

Tim Taylor provided information on a partnership between SCOE, CA State Parole and CalTrans. The program served 220 with pre-employment skills and then subsidized employment with CalTrans. Mr. Taylor inquired if there were any funds in the community partnership grant to assist in this program; if so, SCOE would appreciate the additional funds to provide work ethics training to their youth participants.

4. **Discussion: Continuation of WIA Youth Procurement Planning**

Ms. Welsch stated that the Youth Council has had discussions on the various youth initiatives. The next Youth Council will include an overview of service learning. SETA recently sponsored training for SETA and provider staff on full service learning.

The Youth Council reviewed employment, academic and social data focusing on Sacramento youth. This included information on the drop-out rates, unemployment statistics, housing and homeless issues, and probation and parole statistics.

Mr. Kelly stated that some people may not know about the world of work until they go into a boot camp and learn soft skills. Many young kids are not willing to do manual labor until they have responsibilities and then it 'clicks' that they need to work for a living. That is when the kids come into the apprenticeship programs. It is really important to help these kids to connect the dots and realize that they must become responsible citizens.

6. **Discussion: Recruitment of New Youth Council Members**

Ms. Welsch stated that a representative from the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency, Nicole Sohm, will be joining the Youth Council. A representative from the Sacramento County Office of Education will be applying. Mr. Ron Barroga, County Probation Department has submitted his application.

There was a suggestion to add a representative of Green Technology as this is an emphasis with the Youth Council. The Metro Chamber is focusing on Green Technology as well. Youth providers are encouraged to submit applications for "youth" Youth Council members as well.

7. **Other business:** None.

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 8, 2010, 8:30 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

ITEM 4 - DISCUSSION

CONTINUATION OF WIA YOUTH PROCUREMENT PLANNING PROCESS

BACKGROUND:

The Sacramento Works Youth Council began the public planning process for the procurement of WIA Youth services in the fall 2010. These meetings have included overviews of various youth council initiatives, options for new strategies and input from the community. These strategies have included:

- **Youth-related Green strategies** - In August 2009 SETA was awarded funding to implement the Regional Green Jobs Corps. The goal of the Green Jobs Corps is to expand youth's awareness of the green economy and provide training in appropriate technical, construction and other skilled jobs in eco-friendly industries. Green Jobs Corps youth are expected to continue their education and contribute to their communities through community services and environmental stewardship while receiving job training and placement assistance. The Green Jobs Corps learn about careers in five career clusters:
 - Alternative Energy Sources
 - Green Building Construction
 - Utilities, Energy Efficiency & Weatherization
 - Environmental Sustainability
 - Transportation & Alternative Fuels.

SETA is the lead agency for the Sacramento Green Jobs Corps program in partnership with Soil Born Farms, the Sacramento Tree Foundation, American River College and Center for Land-based Learning.

- **Career Pathways** – During the summer programs of 2009 and 2010 SETA, in partnership with two high school districts – Sacramento City and San Juan Unified and two community colleges - Sacramento City College and American River College implemented a very successful Career Pathways pilot program. High school juniors and seniors participated in a six-week summer community college “camp” focusing on several career pathways including human services/teaching, culinary, construction, and administrative careers pathways. Youth participate in community college classroom instruction and work experience in the targeted career pathway. The goal was to prepare youth for part-time employment while attending college or other advanced training pursuing a targeted career pathway.
- **Targeting services to high-risk youth** – SETA and the Youth Council currently partners with the City of Sacramento in the implementation of **Safe Community Partnership** 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. Recent data reviewed by the Youth

Council indicates an ongoing need to address services to “higher-risk” youth including court-involved youth, youth offenders, homeless youth and former foster youth.

- **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. Service Learning is already recognized for one of the best proven strategies for drop out prevention. By integrating the Service Learning model, the youth will become actively engaged in several of the WIA Youth Program Elements. Youth will gain how to have a voice, responsibility, make decisions, develop caring relationships with peers and adults, apply skills and experiences to complex real life needs and situations, gain an understanding of their community, and become civically engaged. Youth can gain these skills and knowledge by coordinating projects like beautifying school campuses, youth tutoring, community gardens, or creating healthy food programs in schools.

To further explore this concept, SETA-sponsored a training of WIA youth providers and SETA staff in Service Learning. Staff will lead a discussion on how the following seven elements from the service learning strategy could be integrated into the planning and procurement process for the WIA Youth Program:

- Integrated Learning
- High Quality Service
- Collaboration
- Youth Voice
- Civic Responsibility
- Reflection
- Evaluation and Celebration

The planning process continues with input from community members and youth service providers.

- Staff is recommending a Request for Proposals be drafted incorporating a WIA youth program service plan with the above strategies.