



County of Los Angeles Commissions and Boards Minutes - Final - Draft WIB Youth Council

Thursday, February 21, 2013

10:00 AM

First Floor Collaboration Room
County of Los Angeles
Community and Senior Services
3175 West 6th Street
Los Angeles, CA 90020

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MISSION STATEMENT

Provide leadership by convening and facilitating public and private stakeholders, and connecting employers with a qualified workforce through education and training.

A. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Patrica Ramos, Youth Council Chair, called to order the L.A. County WIB Youth Council Meeting held on February 21, 2013.

B. ROLL CALL

A quorum was established with 8 of 14 members in attendance.

Present - Dr. Patrica Ramos (Chair), Joyce Loudon (Vice-Chair), Dr. Cecily Betz, Larry Caldwell, Connie Chan, Lola Smallwood Cuevas, Daniel Oaxaca, Paula Starr

Excused - Dr. Jeff Dorsey, Shelly D. Thompson, Paula Trejo, Krystal Walker

Absent - Ross Viselman

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Consistent with Article VI, paragraph 6 of the WIB Bylaws, Members must abstain from participating in any decision or voting on any item in which he/she (or any organization the member is employed by) has a direct or indirect financial interest. If a member is in attendance when such an item is on the Agenda, he/she must formally recuse themselves from official attendance as a WIB member at the meeting prior to any discussion on the Item. He/She may not remain seated with Committee or Council, but they may remain in the meeting room seated with and as a member of the public. If the member would like to participate in the discussion, he/she must submit a public comment request form to speak on the item as a member of the public. The member may not return to their seat in the meeting as a WIB member until all action on the item is concluded.

C. CHAIR'S REPORT

Dr. Patricia Ramos, Youth Council Chair, reported on the CWA Youth Conference held in Garden Grove, CA from January 15-17. It was a fabulous event and she encouraged all Youth Council members to attend in the future. It proved to be a great learning experience and opportunity for collaboration with Youth Service Providers and other Youth Councils throughout the state. Such collaboration is a part of our Council's priority to take a more regional approach to providing Youth services. Dr. Ramos was able to connect with several people at the CWA Youth Conference including one of the presenters, Devon Werble. Dr. Ramos invited Ms. Werble to this meeting to share some enlightening information on Foster Youth. Dr. Ramos acknowledged the presence of WIB Chair, Jerry Gaines.

D. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Richard Verches, WIB Executive Director, reported on the future design of the WIA Youth and Adult systems. This has been one of the top priorities of the WIB, Youth Council, and other stakeholders.

The timing for redesign coincides with the expiration of the 5 year procurement period for WIA Youth Service Providers. The redesign also coincides with new State legislation that will present new goals and challenges for our system.

On the Federal level, we must anticipate funding cuts for the WIA system. This presents the possible challenge of doing more with less. It furthers the need to be engaged in partnerships and the most important priorities.

As the 3rd largest WIB in the Nation, the L.A. County WIB is accountable at higher levels to show leadership in a unique way. The L.A. City WIB has shown best practices as a national leader. Together, we want to contribute to make a larger, regional impact.

Mr. Verches encouraged WIB and Youth Council Members and emphasized the importance of their contributions, insight, expertise, knowledge, and connections in making the WIB efforts successful.

Mr. Verches acknowledged staff for their efforts to bring more resources and partnerships in support of the new goals.

Mr. Verches thanked Council Members for their support.

E. ACTION ITEMS**1. DRAFT MINUTES OF THE L.A. COUNTY WIB YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 27, 2012**

Presenter: Dr. Patricia Ramos, Youth Council Chair

Summary: This item presents for review and approval, and any other action deemed necessary, the draft minutes of the WIB Youth Council meeting held on November 27, 2012.

It was moved by Larry Caldwell, and seconded by Youth Council Vice-Chair, Joyce Loudon, to approve the DRAFT minutes of the November 27, 2012 meeting of the L.A. County WIB Youth Council. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

2. PY 2012-13 WIA YOUTH PROGRAM 2ND QUARTER PERFORMANCE REPORT

Presenter: Tina Hoang, CSS WIA Youth Programs

Summary: This item presents for review and approval, and any other action deemed necessary, a recommendation on the proposed redesign of the L.A. County WIA Youth Program Delivery System.

After CSS staff presented the PY 2012-13 WIA Youth Program 2nd Quarter Performance Report, the Youth Council gave comments and feedback.

The Youth Council would like performance reports to show clearly who is being served by characteristics such as gender, race, age, ethnicity, economic status, etc. This level of detail would allow the Council to better assess performance, especially to youth groups that are a priority.

The Council would also like to see a map that charts where youth that are served are located. This would help ensure that areas with the greatest number of youth in need are a priority.

Richard Verches, WIB Executive Director, suggested that newly structured reports would be more feasible to produce on the 1st quarter of next year after the L.A. County WIA system redesign.

It was moved by Larry Caldwell, and seconded by Connie Chan, to approve the PY 2012-13 WIA Youth Program 2nd Quarter Performance Report. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

3. WIA YOUTH PROGRAM DELIVERY SYSTEM REDESIGN

Presenter: Josie Marquez, CSS Assistant Director

Summary: This item presents for review and approval, and any other action deemed necessary, a recommendation on the proposed redesign of the L.A. County WIA Youth Program Delivery System.

Josie Marquez, CSS Assistant Director, made a powerpoint presentation for the Youth Council.

The presentation gave a brief background on how the 9 tenets of the WIA Youth Program Delivery System Redesign were developed followed by an overview of the tenets.

A summary of some of the comments during the discussion that followed the presentation are below.

Richard Verches: The redesign is consistent with policy and priorities that the Youth Council and the WIB have adopted and support.

Dr. Patricia Ramos, Youth Council Chair: The feedback from Youth Council members was incorporated into the 9 tenets of the redesign.

Dr. Ramos would like to see a technical support system for under performing Centers in effect.

Lola Smallwood Cuevas: There should be more explicit language to define our goals. "High road, quality, sustainable jobs or careers" should be the goal for placements.

Underrepresented Youth should be a priority.

Connie Chan would like to see different and creative approaches to reaching youth. Some good ideas were introduced at the CWA Youth Conference.

Dr. Cecily Betz suggested reaching out to youth through technology. Youth should be involved in updating the website. The website should be accessible to all languages.

Paula Starr would like to be able to track Youth after they are served to see the impact of intervention.

Dr. Patricia Ramos: To place youth in quality, sustainable careers, would require wrap around services including training, mentorship, and internships.

Lisa Salazar, City of Los Angeles - The State is challenging WIBs to address system alignment. A collaborative effort from WIBs can help challenge the State to make policy so that data can be shared. We can also tap into existing data sharing systems and collaborate with more partners (WIA and non-WIA).

Robert Gutierrez, AYE: The new system seems to require Youth Program Providers to do a lot more with a lot less. Mr. Gutierrez suggests to keep a fair balance of focus on in and out of school youth. It is more cost effective to focus on kids in school, before they drop out.

Kirk Kain, SASSFA, would have liked to have more time to give adequate feedback on the tenets of redesign. The Youth Program Provider community has a lot of expertise that could be a benefit.

It was moved by Larry Caldwell, and seconded by Youth Council Vice Chair, Joyce Loudon, to forward a recommendation to the WIB to approve the proposed redesign of the L.A. County WIA Youth Program Delivery System with amendments by the Youth Council. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

4. RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT A NEW POLICY FOR PERFORMANCE AND COSTS

Presenter: Josie Marquez, CSS Assistant Director

Summary: This item presents for review and approval, and any other action deemed necessary, a recommendation to adopt a revised performance and cost policy for the Adult, Dislocated Worker and Youth Programs as part of the redesign of the program.

This item was included as a part of the WIA Youth Program Delivery System Redesign (Agenda item 3).

F. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. ANNUAL LOCAL AREA PLAN/HIGH PERFORMANCE BOARD

Presenter: Richard Verches, WIB Executive Director

Summary: This item presents for information, an update on the annual Local Area Plan requirements and timeline for submission to the California Workforce Investment Board, including SB 698 High Performance Board criteria.

The Youth Council will be engaged in developing specifics of the Annual Local Area Plan. The Plan is due for completion before June 30, 2013. The Presentation on the WIA Youth Program Delivery System Redesign is a pre-cursor to working on the Local Area Plan. There will be more discussion on this topic at the next Youth Council Meeting.

2. YOUTH COUNCIL STRATEGIC PRIORITIES 2012-13

Presenter: Dr. Patricia Ramos, Council Chair

Summary: This item presents for discussion, and any action deemed necessary, the Youth Council's strategic priorities for 2012-13.

Dr. Patricia Ramos briefly reviewed the Youth Council goals and priorities. There was very limited discussion due to time constraints.

3. GUEST SPEAKER PRESENTATION

Title: Support and Success for Foster Youth in Post-Secondary Education

Presenter: Devon Werble, Project Manager, John Burton Foundation

Devon M. Werble provides direct technical assistance and training to members of the CCP community along with management of CCP projects. Her experience includes working as an adjunct faculty member for L.A. City College (LACC) and management of the LACC Guardian Scholars program.

Dr. Patricia Ramos introduced the guest speaker, Devon Werble from the John Burton Foundation.

Ms. Werble gave a brief background on the John Burton Foundation.

They are a statewide organization that is philanthropically funded to better the lives of Foster Youth.

Ms. Werble made her presentation on the California College Pathways project managed by the John Burton Foundation.

The California College Pathways project helps Foster Youth throughout California achieve goals of higher education.

Ms. Werble invited Youth Program Providers to reach out and partner with the California College Pathways project to help their Foster Youth succeed in college.

G. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no further Public Comments.

H. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the February 21, 2013 meeting of the L.A. County WIB Youth Council was adjourned at 12:24 pm.