



San Benito County
Workforce Investment Board
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Bi-Monthly Meeting
1111 San Felipe Road Suite 108, Hollister, CA 95023
September 18, 2007 at 4:00 pm
MINUTES

Present: Kathi Bosworth, Tad Coatsworth, Elena DeLaPuerta, Tony LaMonica, Josie Moreno, Mike Walters, David Wright

Absent: Denise Ceballos, Martha Martinez, Alanna Mendoza

Staff: Andi Anderson, Kathy Flores, Sylvia Jacquez, Laura Schipper,

Co-Chair, Tad Coatsworth, called the meeting to order at 4:01 P.M.

I Public Comment Period:

A **2-1-1 Information:** David Wright discussed the 2-1-1 information which was recently e-mailed to board members. The 2-1-1 is an easy to remember telephone number that connects people with important community services and volunteer opportunities. He stated that this would be a great opportunity to promote the Youth Services Directory. Andi Anderson stated that she did forward the One-Stop Career Center web-site address, which contains a link to the Youth Services Directory, to Katy Castagna, Director of Community Impact and Planning, United Way of Monterey County. Katy is the contact person for the collaborative effort to get the 2-1-1 information site up and running locally. If you want to learn more, visit this website: <http://www.cairs.org/211.htm>.

- 1 **Video:** Kathi Bosworth suggested moving the video to the end on the agenda.
- 2 **Introductions** were made by everyone present.
- 3 **YEP Council Minutes:** The minutes of the May 15, 2007, June 28, 2007 and July 17, 2007 meeting are approved as presented. *M/S/C* Kathi Bosworth/David Wright.*

B YEP Board Membership:

- 1 An application was received from Gina Perry, however; she does not fit the membership criteria for the YEP Council. Andi Anderson stated that she has several individuals that are interested in participating in the YEP Council and is anticipating submission of their applications in the near future. Kathi Bosworth requested that staff send a reminder to San Benito High School ASB Club informing them of meeting times and dates and also letting them know that students can receive school credit for attending the YEP meeting.
- 2 Alanna Mendoza is no longer with YEOP and will be submitting her resignation. Once her resignation is received there will be a vacancy for an out-of-school youth.
- 3 Kathi Bosworth discussed whether or not WIA youth could be offered a stipend for participating on the YEP Council. Andi Anderson stated that she believes she has information that discusses a stipend for youth and will review her file to see if she can find something that addresses that issue.

C Youth Updates:

- 1 **Educational Component:** Laura Schipper provided an update on WIA youth program activities, including the educational component provided by Gavilan College. The Educational Component was held July 30, 2007 – August 10, 2007. There were two one week sessions held; younger youth 1st week, and the older youth the 2nd week. Gavilan College provided the trainer, Tino Guevara. Topics taught were personal resume writing, financial basics, communications, etc. Youth enjoyed the class and stated that the class was informative and useful. Various guest speakers such as Behavioral Health, Health Education, ROP, Probation, Gavilan College, and others presented information on their programs.
- 2 **Youth Program Activities:** There are currently 39 youth enrolled, 11 returned to school after the summer, 12 are available to work, several have found unsubsidized employment, 6 are in transition, 1 incarcerated and 1 on medical leave. Currently there are a few vacancies for in-school youth. Staff continues to recruit out-of-school youth.

D Community Updates: Members provided updates regarding local activities, news and or events pertaining to youth.

- 1 **Teen Rally:** Andi Anderson stated that the teen rally was originally organized as a result of funds received by the Hollister Youth Alliance (HYA) to provide community outreach for youth. Various agencies, Dancing Days, YMCA, South County Housing, HYA, etc. were involved in the organization of the event. There have been several staff changes at the agencies involved, therefore, it was postponed. Johanna Gonzalez, a local youth leader, has indicated that she has a group of youth who are willing to help organize the event. A tentative date of July 26, 2008 was set for the next Teen Rally.
- 2 **Foster Youth Forum:** Andi Anderson reported that a Foster Youth Forum has been scheduled for October 24, 2007 at San Andreas School from 4:00-6:30 pm. There is space available for approximately 30 people. Frank Beitz, San Benito Foster Youth Coordinator, is working with the California Youth Connections, developed by & for foster youth, to secure a panel. The Foster Youth Forum's goal is to help youth and their care-takers understand the importance of education for foster youth and how to assist youth in further education.

E Updates on Committees:

- 1 **Apprenticeship Exploratory Committee:** Kathi Bosworth distributed an apprenticeship matrix. She stated that the committee has not met since June 2007 due to summer vacations. She stated that individuals interested in being committee need to schedule a meeting to reconvene in order to move forward.
- 2 **Basic Construction Skills Committee:** David Wright reported that classes have started at Gavilan College on Wednesdays from 6-9P.M. There are eight students enrolled with room for 40 total. Currently all participants are male and between the ages of 19 - 30. Students felt there was low enrollment due to the lack of awareness of the class and poor advertisement.

F Youth Directories Update: 1000 additional directories were printed and distributed to all of the local schools. Extra copies were left at the High School for the counselors. There are approximately 600 copies remaining at the CSWD office. Discussed updating the directory. Kathi Bosworth stated she can have youth call to verify that the information is relevant and accurate. Discussed distribution at Probation and at Juvenile Hall.

G Grant Updates: The next quarterly report will be available October, 2007.

- H **Additional Information**: Andi Anderson reminded members to submit articles for the One-Stop Career Center newsletter. Kathi Bosworth suggested contacting Elizabeth Martinez from EDD for a success story on Alanna Mendoza.
- I **View DVD “Challenge Day”**: Members viewed the video “Challenge Day” which was about anti-bullying and anti-violence in schools.

**Motion/Second Concur*