



San Benito County
Workforce Investment Board
Youth Employment Program Council
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MINUTES

- Present:** Denise Ceballos, Tad Coatsworth, Mike Walters, David Wright
- Absent:** Kathi Bosworth, Elena DeLaPuerta, Tony LaMonica, Martha Martinez, Josie Moreno
- Staff:** Andi Anderson, Kathy Flores, Sylvia Jacquez, Laura Schipper

Co-Chair, Tad Coatsworth, called the meeting to order at 4:05 P.M.

1. **Public Comment Period:** None received.
2. **YEP Council Minutes:** The minutes of the March 18, 2008 were approved as presented by the members present and will be forwarded to the WIB for ratification. *M/S/C* David Wright/Mike Walters.*
3. **YEP Board Membership:**
 - A. There were no applications received for consideration for appointment to the YEP Council.
 - B. Staff provided an update on information regarding whether or not WIA youth may receive a stipend by participating on the YEP Council. Laura Schipper stated that Los Angeles receives outside funding to offer a stipend to youth participants on their local council. WIA funds must be utilized for certain items only, and therefore; *can not* be used for youth that are not in the WIA program. Recruitment efforts include: speaking with Diane Ortiz to bring in Hollister Youth Alliance (HYA) participants to serve on the council, utilizing WIA youth participants and paying them to attend the meetings, contacting Frank Beitz from Foster Youth services to see if he can refer foster youth. This item will be schedule for continued discussion once the new Deputy Director comes on board.
 - C. Mike Walters provided a referral to Sylvia. Mike Surig, who is a computer teacher at San Benito High School.
 - D. Current vacancies include: Out-of-School youth, In-School youth and In-school youth parent/grandparent.
4. **Review Request for Proposals (RFP):** YEP Members reviewed and discussed the RFP's received for the Workforce Investment Act Educational Component. Gavilan College was the only agency that submitted a proposal in the amount of \$5,990. Sylvia Jacquez stated that the Briggs Building has been reserved as the training site. After discussion the members present approved the RFP and recommend it be forwarded to the WIB for ratification. *M/S/C Mike Walters/Denise Ceballos.*
5. **Deputy Director Position Update:** Enrique Arreola will begin on June 2, 2008. He was previously a Summer Youth Counselor for CSWD. Currently he is the Deputy Director of

6. Mexican American Community Services Agency (MACSA) and serves on the local Gang Taskforce, and is the HYA chair.
7. **Youth Directories Update:** Andi Anderson stated that the directories have been updated in English & Spanish. Discussed if the directories should be printed separately in English & Spanish, and if they are, how they are to be distributed. Andi stated that, since some of the pages do not contain as much information as others, she could consolidate the directories to see how much a difference it would make in the number of pages of the directory. If there is not a significant difference, then only one version would need to be printed. Once completed, price quotes will be gathered. Funds are available and once the price quotes are completed, we can move forward with the printing.
8. **Youth Updates:** Laura Schipper provided an update on WIA youth program activities. Staff is seeing more out-of-school youth. Currently 43 youth are enrolled. There are 15 working part or full time, 18 youth enrolled are in school and will be back for the summer, 10 are in follow-up, four completed hours and found unsubsidized jobs, four are in job search and one incarcerated. Seven are in workshops. Staff is trying to recruit more employers.
9. **Community Updates:** Members provided updates regarding local activities, news and or events pertaining to youth.
 - A. **Golf Tournament:** Hillside Christian Fellowship's 4th Annual Golf Tournament is scheduled for June 14, 2008. Last year they gave a total of \$5000 to local charities; the CAN received \$500. Brochures were distributed. If anyone is interested in participating, either by golfing, or attending the luncheon, they can contact Tony LaMonica at (831) 902-5008 or Jim DeLaPena at (831) 524-2405.
 - B. **Joey Romo Scholarship Concert:** Joey Romo, a local youth, suffered an untimely death in December 2007. His parents have decided to commemorate his death by establishing a scholarship in his name. The 1st annual *Joey's Day of FUN* is scheduled for June 28, 2008. Location is still to be determined. Anyone interested helping with the event or in making a tax deductible donation can contact Johanna Gonzalez at (831) 524-3572.
 - C. **Hollister Youth Alliance:** HYA is holding a fundraiser raffle on May 23, 2008. A "Lucha Libre" event scheduled for June 21, 2008 at Maze Middle School. For more information contact Diane Ortiz at (831) 245-8307.
10. **Updates on Committees:** David Wright reported that six individuals will be taking the Basic Construction Skills finals tomorrow, May 21, 2008.
11. **Grant Updates:** The report is enclosed in the packet for your review.
12. **Additional Information:**
 - A. Mike Walters requested that the next meeting date be included as the last agenda item.
 - B. CSWD received additional funds from the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) and it was decided that those funds would be used to provide a summer youth employment program that will service 15-20 youth.

The meeting adjourned at 5:03 P.M. *M/S/C Mike Walters/Denise*

The next YEP Council meeting is scheduled for July 15, 2008 at 4:00 P.M.

**Motion/Second/Concur*