



San Benito County
Workforce Investment Board
Youth Employment Program Council
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January 15, 2008 at 4:00 pm
MINUTES

- Present:** Denise Ceballos, Josie Moreno, Mike Walters, David Wright
- Absent:** Kathi Bosworth, Tad Coatsworth, Elena DeLaPuerta, Tony LaMonica, Martha Martinez
- Staff:** Andi Anderson, Sylvia Jacquez, Laura Schipper
- Guests:** Sandra Cardenas, Marla Davies, Matiana De Salazar, Ariana Ponce

David Wright, called the meeting to order at 4:15 P.M.

1. **Public Comment Period:** Mike Walters stated that if anyone has, or knows of someone, with high adjustable interest loan (30-year), and is looking to refinance, now is a good time. Introductions were made by everyone present.
2. **YEP Council Minutes:** Due to a lack of a quorum, the minutes of the September 18, 2007 and November 20, 2007 will be tabled for next meeting.
3. **YEP Board Membership:**
 - A. Marla Davies, San Benito High School Workability Coordinator, submitted an application. Marla stated that she has replaced former YEP Council member, Nora Jimenez. She provided a brief overview of her responsibilities and the population of youth she serves at the high school. Due to the lack of a quorum the YEP Council was unable to approve her application and it will be included as an agenda item at the next meeting.
 - B. Council Members and staff discussed recruitment efforts which are being conducted to fill the vacant positions. Sylvia Jacquez explained the current vacancies and the requirements for those vacancies. Alanna Mendoza, former Youth Employment Opportunity Program (YEOP) staff submitted a resignation and her vacancy has been posted. Denise Ceballos will encourage new YEOP staff submit an application to fill her position.
 - C. Sylvia Jacquez hasn't received official notification from the State as to whether or not WIA youth may receive a stipend for participating in the YEP Council.
4. **Youth Updates:** Laura Schipper reported on WIA youth program activities. She has had several high school drop-outs come in and she is working with them. Currently 36 youth are enrolled in the program and attending school. Several youth are ready for the youth workshop as well and several are seeking employment. GED prep classes will be available at the Hollister Gavilan College Campus beginning in the spring semester.

5. **Community Updates:** Members provided updates regarding local activities, news and or events pertaining to youth.
 1. Josie reported that the ABS ministry brochures will be revised and she will bring them to the next meeting for distribution.
 2. Discussed if a Youth Job/Resource Fair is being scheduled. In the past this has been a joint effort through One-Stop Partners. There is nothing planned at this time due to limited staff.
 3. Andi shared about a youth outreach program that is being planned by Hillside Christian Fellowship. No date has been scheduled.
6. **Updates on Committees:**
 - A. **Apprenticeship Exploratory Committee (AEC):** Due to a lack of participation the AEC has been not moved forward.
 - B. **Basic Construction Skills Committee:** David Wright reported that the Basic Construction class is between semesters. The next class will begin again Wednesday, January 30th from 6:00 – 9:00 P.M. Discussed recruitment efforts and resource sharing to get word out. Discussions are underway to see about changing the class name to make it more appealing. Marla Davies suggested going to industrial arts classes at the high schools and giving a presentation on the construction class. The contact at the High School is Don Carmen. Flyers were distributed to members and Laura stated that she took the flyer to Family Resource Center for distribution.
7. **Youth Directories Update:** Members discussed updating the directory and also making it available in English/Spanish. At the last meeting Kathi Bosworth stated she would have students make the calls to verify and update the information. Andi Anderson will e-mail a large copy to Kathi so she can get this started. Once the corrections are made, Josie Moreno volunteered to translate the directory free of charge. Mike will call to see how many new youth at high school and he will make sure they get copies of the directory. Sylvia stated that WIA funds can be used, in conjunction with donations, to purchase more directories.
8. **Grant Updates:** The quarterly report was included in the agenda packet for member review.
9. **Additional Information:** None.

The meeting adjourned at: 5:00 P.M.

The next YEP Council meeting will be held on March 18, 2008 at 4:00 P.M.