

Item #1: Minutes of the February 23, 2015 Youth Council Meeting

Members Present

Jared Aaker	Chris Hill	Sandra McBrayer
Ed Abeyta	Matt Kriz	Ruth Salcido
Erica Bouris	Jennifer Lewis	Marlene Taylor
Tinesia Conwright	Rosa Ana Lozada	Heather Whitley-Quinn

Members Absent

Jorge Cabrera	Claudia Rodriguez
Steve Pinning	Louis Song

All reports, memoranda and letters contained in the agenda or distributed at the meeting shall by this reference become part of the original minutes.

The meeting was called to order by Jared Aaker, at 3:36 p.m., at SDWP, with a quorum.

Public Comment

None

The following items were approved:

1-02/23/2015 - Item 1 **Minutes of the December 15, 2014 Youth Council Meeting**
Motion, Seconded, Carried Unanimously (McBrayer/Kriz)

2-02/23/2015 - Item 2 **Youth Council Memberships**
Gonzalo Mendez – San Diego County Probation, Alejandra Aceves – San Diego Job Corps, and Rickey Laster – Commission on Gang Prevention and Intervention were all appointed to serve on the Youth Council. Their terms will be two-years through June 30, 2017.

Youth memberships are currently being reviewed by the Governance/Evaluation work group and will be brought to the May 12th Youth Council meeting.

Motion, Seconded, Carried Unanimously (Abeyta/Whitley)

3-02/23/2015 - Item 3 **PY 13-14 Unobligated Funding Recommendation**
On December 15, 2014 the Youth Council voted to establish a working group to make a recommendation on how to obligate the \$1.6 million WIA Title I – Youth Formula funds. The work group members introduced the recommendations to the full Youth Council. The Council approved to allocate \$600,000 to augment the current PY 14-15 and new PY 15-16 contracts for a summer youth employment

component, an additional \$725,000 to PY 15-16 contracts to enhance services, and \$275,00 to release an RFP for the ILSE program.

The additional dollars will follow the WIA performance requirements and are divided based on the current formula for geographic distribution (as outlined in Attachments A, B & C)

The ILSE Enhanced Pilot Project will serve at least 40 out-of-school youth (OSY) enrolled with a competitively procured youth service provider to deliver all WIA program elements including educational activities, work readiness, work preparation/work-based opportunities and youth development activities. San Diego Miramar College, where the ILSE program will take place, can serve up to 24 students per cohort. Additionally, the contracted youth provider resulting from this RFP will ensure ILSE program completion, required placement in a science based work experience, and follow-up activities.

*Motion, Seconded, Carried Unanimously (Taylor/McBrayer)
Abstention (Bouris/Conwright/Lozada)*

The following informational items were presented to the Council:

4-02/23/2015 - Item 4

PATHWAYS Initiative Presentation

Jared introduced Ian Gordon, Director of the Youth Development Office, who gave an overview of the PATHWAYS projects.

The youth re-engagement center pilot project is part of the broader San Diego Youth Development Office's (YDO) Youth Opportunity Pathways Initiative (PATHWAYS) that targets youth ages 16-24 who are not connected (or are insufficiently connected) to education, training and employment. In partnership with the SDUSD and PATHWAYS, WIA Youth funds were leveraged to provide case management and intensive wrap-around services that support a youth's successful re-engagement and transition to education and/or occupation skills training. Background information (handouts) were provided at the meeting.

5-02/23/2015 - Item 5

CalJOBS Update

Jared introduced Melinda Jackson, Data Management Specialist, who gave an overview on the brief history of CalJOBS and the current status of performance reports for the youth contracts. Melinda is currently working the the state and EDD to work through the complications in pulling the information needed from CalJOBS. Third quarter reports will be available April 20, 2015. Staff will bring performance reporting to the May 12th Youth Council meeting.

6-02/23/2015 - Item 6

Youth Council Work Group Updates

Sandy McBrayer gave an update on the Governance/Evaluation work group. The group has been meeting to review memberships and attendance of all members, as well as review current applications for youth membership. This will be an ongoing task of the group.

The group has also been working with the SDWP research team to analyze youth services provided by comparing with need within various communities.

Staff indicated that the other three work groups would be re-convening at a future date.

7-02/23/2015 - Item 7

Youth Department Update

Andy Hall, Vice President and Chief Programs Officer, and staff gave a brief update on the Youth Department, status of the search for a new Youth Director, introduced new staff for the Connect2Careers (C2C) program, and gave a brief preview of what the team was preparing for C2C, as well as the Life Sciences Summer Experience (LSSI). A handout was given regarding LSSI. Andy also included that the WIOA regulations were being reviewed by the state and that he would give an update at the next Youth Council meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

Crystal Gunter, Meeting Secretary