

**State Youth Council
Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2005
Adams County Workforce Center**

I. Introductions

Attendees: Stefan Kerr, Glenn Little, Melody Bolton, Steve Wright, Aron Diaz, Amy Arquilla, Jennifer Lambert, Kimberly Tulp, Sue Schierkolk, Samantha O'Neill-Dunbar, Rita McGirr, Patricia Parsons, Carol Aguiniga, Julie Berge, Lorie Mitchell, Danny Sisneros, Les Watkins, Dani Crane

Kevin Jonell, Caren Swales, Ann Baker, Mark Johnston, Debi Holleman excused.

II. Welcome Lorie Mitchell - new voting member representing youth

Resignations – Nicole Barden & Valerie Jenkins
Staff will prepare letter of appreciation for Nicole.

III. Kimberly Tulp – CCHE

CCHE is a state entity thru the Colorado Dept of Higher Education.

They are in a 5-year campaign (\$1 million dollar state investment on the website, branding and market research), along with public dollars and in-kind contributions, to improve participation and graduation rates of people in the higher education system.

Looking for ways to work with the SYC.

Looking for ways to expand financial aid thru legislation/bills; K-12 and higher education are working together for the first time in 8 yrs.

Question: Are there any long term goals in talks with k-12?

Answer: Yes, CO Achievement Scholarship, pattered after program in OK, for at risk kids, maintain 2.7 and pre-collegiate curriculum, state would make up balance of \$'s after pell grants and stipends.

Statistics

- 20 % of CO high school graduates actually finish college.
- CCHE is looking at how to address the issue, as early as 7th grade; working with educators and legislators.
- Biggest barriers: cost & preparedness (remediation is huge)
- 75% of students that require remediation in college do not finish college.

3 parts to the program (similar to the drunk driving campaign):

1. Advertising (drive awareness & shift expectation of college attendance)
2. Grass Roots Outreach (this is where the overlap with SYC, CCHE, etc happens) developing regions overlaid with the workforce map, education map, etc for ambassador
3. Legislation

IV. January 2005 Minutes

Add CDLE as part of the Phoenix forum to January minutes.

Motion from Melody to approve with changes, 2nd by Jennifer, motion passed.

V. OWD Update – Aron Diaz & Steve Wright

PGL (Program Guidance Letter)

Staff updated the PGL, with suggestions from SYC via email as well as from the January SYC meeting, sent for review by Nina Holland @ CDLE, electronic vote by full SYC will be required once her suggestions are received and final changes made.

Veteran's federal legislation info must be included.

OWD met with CDLE to discuss contractual obligations and processes, both parties are comfortable with the future administration of the WIA 10% Youth Discretionary dollars by OWD/DOLA

SDPC (Skills Development Partnership Committee)

Significant strategic planning meeting two weeks ago to drive full council's direction. Attended by leaders from CCCS, CDLE, Secretary of Labor, Mark Davidson, OWD, Committee chairs, Kodak, Denver Economic Development, PBS, etc

There will be a follow up to the strategic planning meeting, details/goals will be communicated to all subcommittees of the full Workforce Development Council.

WORKING WITH OWD

WIA 10% Youth Discretionary funds used to be at CDLE; transitioning to OWD; in the past, lots of umbrella contracting and waivers were in place which made it very easy to administer.

OWD's processes: in the process of umbrella contracting; should be completed in May; Purchase orders are being done in the interim (like contract for services); Signature process: Booker → Director → Executive Director; Glenn will work with the finance sub committee & track dollars.

Sue – spoke with Booker about SYC decision-making power; OWD will get Booker on the agenda next month; Steve & Glenn will develop a some forms

to hopefully give pertinent information and background on projects, conference attendance, etc. to speed the signature & turnaround processes at OWD.

SHADES OF BLUE EVENT

Steve passed out a letter from Willie Daniels @ Shades of Blue regarding upcoming event at the Wings Over the Rockies Museum. Will Cc a copy to SYC, Glenda Laveck (High School High Tech). Directed SYC to Shades of Blue website: www.myshadesofblue.org (website for the group that works with at risk, minority, etc kids in helping them develop interest and education goals related to high tech/space exploration/science careers).

VI. YOUTH COUNCIL PROJECTS

Working With Youth

The subcommittee that was developing the project has taken a new approach, rather than working directly with youth as mentors, SYC would be to work with existing youth programs like DECA, JA, etc.

Julie Berge – adopt a school club (DECA)

Amy Arquilla – went to DECA advisory meeting & is volunteering outside of SYC/CDLE

- would like to challenge the SYC to get involved with and adopt a youth group
- many of the youth in these clubs may be WIA eligible; take a look at this and see what the benefits to the club and/or the SYC would be

Julie – Motion to approach the West High DECA chapter, seconded by Melody; Julie will take lead; motion carried.

VII. Governor’s Summer Job Hunt – Julie Berge

- Last week did roundtable at 9news
- Stefan presented and did a great job
- Child labor laws, worker opportunity tax credit, workforce centers, 3 employer success stories (Stefan); overall went very well.
- Job fairs starting – Julie B. will send schedule to Steve to forward to SYC; again, attend & volunteer!
- Staff will draft a letter from OWD/Booker to notify dept. of possible mileage reimbursement for hitting rural areas.

VIII. Youth Transition Grant – Sue Schierkolk

Sue Schierkolk passed out an information sheet stating where the grant is at currently.

Amy – was inclusion (de-institutionalization) a priority area? Not a specific priority, but did come up in the research under a few different priority areas.

State Plan will be out prior to next meeting for blessing, will also go to SWIS Committee for recommendation to the Workforce Development Council.

IX. Phoenix Group – Samantha O’Neill-Dunbar

- This is a group of leaders of state agencies focusing on at risk kids.
- They came together for a conference hosted in Phoenix, AZ in mid-December 2004. Follow up meeting was held 2 weeks ago at AD Works Littleton
- New partners (Dani Crane, Barb Palmer, Laura Taylor brought 2 high school principals).
- Rehashed prior discussion; worked on getting everyone up to speed, talked about state needs
- Division of Child Welfare presented System of Care model
- Planned Feb 16 meeting at Tri County, will hear more about local system of care efforts.
- Amy suggested involving non-profits, as they may already have a lot of the information that these state agency work groups are working on. Samantha/Dani – need to gel the group first, then perhaps start to bring those types of partners in. Doug Glynn, Elise, and Laura Taylor are leading the group at this point.
- Group is looking at the whole array of at risk youth; keep an eye on what’s happening so that the SYC can take on anything appropriate related to the SYC/CWDC goals.

X. Membership Committee – Sue Schierkolk

Working on letter to Director of Education to get K-12 participation on the SYC.

Still need to replace housing, foster care, parent.

Need to make outbound call to current parent to see if she’s still interested.

XI. Finance Committee – Julie Berge

PY04 - \$75,182

PY03 - \$4105

FY03 - \$944 (spend by October 2005)

Proposed \$3000 for back page of CO Career Guide; could be same ad that was on CO Next, or design something new. Used in schools by teachers and students, goes to workforce centers; goes to print in March. Workforce staff at the SYC stated that the career guide is an excellent tool.

Motion by Sue Schierkolk to place back page ad, seconded by Danny Sisneros, motion carried. Amy suggested using the back of CO Next as the basis; colors may be changed so it looks ok in newsprint. Aron and Julie will work on development. Glenn will begin the paperwork for the \$3000

Melody did not receive the CO Next magazine; Amy will call Louise to see when ship date was. Adams & TriCo did not get theirs yet, either.

XII. Other

Dani – Rocky Mountain Asphalt Conference & Equipment Show today
TriCo has a table there and is recognized in their award brochure

Sue – mentioned the 10% tax credit program - remind employers!
Key Train is going on through TriCo; most metro WFC's are participating

Next Meeting March 17th from 12:30 – 2:30, location tbd.