

State Youth Council  
March 17, 2005  
Jeffco Admin Bldg, Lookout Mountain Room

I. Introductions

II. Mark Pingrey's Address

- Mark addressed the State Youth Council, thanked them for their work and tenacity, and encouraged continued service and dedication. Mark also impressed upon the SYC that there will be continued support and direction provided by the Colorado Workforce Development Council
- Mark welcomed Nancy Lemein from the Governor's Office. Nancy will be involved with the SYC as necessary to make sure the Governor's vision for youth and the SYC's are aligned.

Booker Graves Address

- Booker passed out a handout listing target areas and recommendations of the activity that the SYC should engage in to support the CWDC and the focus of national youth initiatives.
- Booker asked the SYC to provide a list of nominations for the Co-Chair position that is vacant. This person should have workforce system experience specializing in youth service delivery.
- Breakdown of the State Workforce System: CDLE – fiscal agent for funds that come in to the state; command and control center for system. Local WIB's + WFC's – where the services access the system and are served, helped, aided by the system. At SYC level – find ways to enhance, add value, to the delivery of services at the system locally. We need to be the key intermediary for youth related to the workforce system.
- Continued support of and linkage to Collbran Youth Coprs.
- Youth/Phoenix Forum – SYC participate, strengthen, and take leadership role in the development and evolution of this entity, as there will be quite a bit of focus on the youth forum federally, as well as funding opportunities.
- Mark Pingrey– Due to the development/setup of the workforce system in CO, we are at a great advantage over other states in how we can develop projects, help facilitate, etc. Youth Services, engagement of CDE (k-12), will be a focus from the national workforce chair's perspective.
- Booker confirmed that whatever support is needed by the SYC will be handled by OWD. Outside support or technical assistance may be secured if it is deemed necessary.
- Nominations/volunteers for the Co-Chair position will be accepted electronically by March 25<sup>th</sup>. Please list out strengths and/or resume related to workforce system/youth involvement.

III. Minutes - motion to approve by Samantha, second by Julie, motion passed.

IV. OWD Update

- OWD went over the progress of the Youth Discretionary Program Guidance Letter. Currently has been signed by OWD, sent to Dept. of Labor and Employment for their signature and eventual release.
- Melody suggested adding on the teleconference training on May 12 right after the SYC meeting 1:30 – 3:30 (deeper training), potentially Ann & Caren could assist with training delivery?
- Assuming PGL released by April 1, possibility of a call with locals on April 14, 10:30 – 11:30, Regions will call in. Questions in writing ahead of time to OWD. Aron, Steve will assist.

V. Membership Update

Motion to accept Marueen Wirth as representative from Dept. of Education by Melody, Second by Samantha, motion passed. Staff will send letter to Maureen.

VI. Governor's Summer Job Hunt – Julie Berge

- Doing great, well attended, good media coverage, lots of employer involvement.

VII. Discretionary Grant Update – OWD

- Provided grant updates from quarterly reports; advised Tri County timeframe extended; advised another request to extend Rural Resort Grant, also partner change; advised that follow up documentation is needed and was requested. Mentioned the need for SYC to develop subcommittees to review these kinds of changes, will add as discussion to May agenda.

VIII. Youth Transition Grant – Sue Schierkolk

- State plan nearly final, great work and input from the locals
- Plan presented to the SWIS committee and approved, next will be presented to the Workforce Council for approval
- New sites will be coming on board (Weld, Denver, Arapahoe/Douglas)

IX. Finance – Julie Berge

- \$944 FY03 (Sept 30 deadline) PY03 \$4000 (June 05) FY04 \$77,000

X. Youth Forum – Samantha O'Neill-Dunbar

- Group still forming/developing purpose
- Working on list of statewide groups serving youth/special population youth
- Should have more info for the next SYC
- Met with System of Care model – at the county level, there is a mandate to serve youth within the child welfare system (counties decide on partnerships locally); Need big picture leader;

XI. Meeting Adjourned

Next meeting April 14, location TBD