

**State Youth Council**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**4-14-05**

- I. **Introductions** – Dani Crane, new co-chair  
Maureen Wirth, new member from the CO Dept. of Education
- II. **Review of Minutes**
- Motion to accept the March minutes by Melody, second by Caren, motion passed.
- III. **Nicole Barden letter**
- OWD will create letter of appreciation for Nicole and have signed by chair of CWDC.
- IV. **OWD Update**  
*PGL & Decision Document* – Background – Workforce Directors asked for a continuation option at recent director’s meeting (to Tom Looft @ CDLE & Booker Graves @ OWD). Directors also were interested in holding \$ back for 06-07 as the dollars anticipated would be less. This year the regions are anticipating increases again in funding. The SYC was given a decision document to either add a continuation option to the PGL or to stick with the original PGL, based on the request from the Workforce Directors.

**SYC Comments:**

Ann Baker – proposed an outcomes based approach, where the regions would need to justify how they would reach the outcomes and achieve sustainability, and show long term partnerships that could help this.

Melody Bolton – it’s difficult for regions to create and run new projects every year.

Dani Crane – a factor could be whether or not regions were able to spend 70% of their funding.

Sue Schierkolk proposed a motion to vote “yes”, to allow the option to revise the PGL to allow for continuation projects to be considered, seconded by Ann. Motion passed.

Ann – suggested a subcommittee to be formed to look at the revised PGL based on the upcoming allocation of the SWIS Committee. Motion passed. This subcommittee will meet to discuss how the SWIS allocation will be used. This could be dependent on the # and \$ amount of proposals that are received.

May 5 is when the SWIS committee will allocate discretionary dollars.  
Subcommittee Volunteers – Mark Davidson, Caren Swales, Ann Baker, Samantha O’Neill-Dunbar, and staff of OWD.

*Second Decision Document* – *Think Big Youth Conference* (combination effort from the Governor’s Summer Job Hunt & State Youth Council)

The State Youth Council will be voting on whether or not to provide financial support to the 2 day conference on May 26 & 27, where the WIA youth operators and other youth workers from around the state will be attending training and workshops at the Marriott in Golden, CO. Specifically they will be trained on the upcoming 10% WIA youth discretionary PGL. The SYC will provide funding to support 1/3 of the cost of the event, which is approximately \$10,000 total (so a little over \$3,000 as a high estimate, would be the responsibility of the SYC)

Sue – motion to go forward and support the event, second by Melody; motion passed.

#### *State Plan*

OWD will be addressing the questions related to the youth portion of Colorado's State Plan. CDLE is handling the project, and providing the sections requiring input to the respective parties. The SYC will be the primary organization responsible for youth items. Members were interested in seeing the content at the May SYC meeting.

#### **V. Governor's Summer Job Hunt**

- 9 job fairs in the last month, with lots of employer round tables; reporting being done differently among the regions, so numbers will not be available for quite some time.
- A question was asked by Maureen Wirth about whether or not the neediest kids were served at these job fairs. Wagner - Peyser money serves all kids who walk through the door. However, they do utilize WIA services & supportive services. Julie does provide the calendar to the SYC, so SYC members can get the word out to their contacts.
- A/D works job fair is today at ACC/Littleton. Next week in Burlington, Larimer County, Elizabeth; Ft. Morgan, Granby, Trinidad and Mesa are also upcoming. Salida/Canon City this Saturday, Glenwood upcoming.

#### **VI. Youth Transition Grant Update**

- State Plan was approved by SWIS & CWDC; primary goals are based on expansion of work-based opportunities for youth (not just jobs...mentoring, internships, marketing, resource awareness, etc).

#### **VII. Youth Forum**

- The team is struggling to find an identity and focus

Ann – SYC could be the keeper of info around training and employment, and other organizations could be the keepers of info in their areas of expertise, then the leaders of this group could be convened, which should be achieved through the next steps of the membership subcommittee, as leaders from the Youth Forum group could be targeted to fill gaps in the SYC membership.

### **VIII. Membership Subcommittee**

- Will be having a teleconference on April 25 to work on strategy to fill gaps, develop orientation to SYC, and to engage the DECA group from West High School

### **IX. Finance**

- This is the last year for CO career guide
- CO Next Magazine – Louise March presented, next release date is in October, can come to future SYC to present, due date for SYC if we wanted anything would be August.

Melody Bolton – Eastern region has not gotten theirs at the WFC or at the high schools.

Aron Diaz – CO Next wants the SYC to take a bigger role, gave some quotes in the \$14-\$24k range.

Samantha O’Neill-Dunbar – opinion is that the SYC should just do an ad, because the kids that read this magazine most likely are middle/upper middle class and would be attending post secondary education and would not necessarily be the target market that would use WIA/workforce centers.

Stefan Kerr would like to see the presentation.

We need to consider our planning process and our target audiences as well so that we can get an effective message out.

Communicate back to CO Next that we’d like the presentation, understand the timeframes, but may be non-committal as of the May meeting. Give ‘em ½ hour.

### **X. Other Items**

- Samantha will have Susanna Spears talk about escrow credit at the May meeting.
- Dani – informal discussion: what would you like to see from the SYC in the next year?
- Sue – find a way to do business so that we meet less frequently
- Dani – re-engage business partners; strategic planning session, facilitated?; see what aligns already in the state to the federal vision; collect that info and be prepared so that we can make an impact when we attend national conferences; SYC member training related to federal & state vision may be beneficial; finding ways to work more directly with locals and via coordinators
- Ann – annual SYC plan; timeline around things like PGL, membership, etc, so that people can stay tuned in. Basically set a business plan in line with CWDC & Feds
- Melody – list accomplishments + successes
- Maureen – set outcomes
- Dani – visit locals; Ann – get back to hosting SYC every 4 months outside of Denver

- Visit some best practices on-site, similar to the Gravity Grindz visit done by WIA youth operators
- Get national conference schedule, and get SYC to be “presenters” rather than attendees at these conferences.

**XI. Next meeting**

May 12 in Broomfield, 9-12.