

State Youth Council
May 12, 2005
9:00 am – 12:00 pm
Mamie Doud Eisenhower Public Library
3 Community Park Road Broomfield, CO 80020
Conference Call: 888-677-1825 Access Code: 55494

I. Attendees – Ann Baker, Mark Johnston, Julie Berge, Lorrie Mitchell, Sue Schierkolk, Glenn Little, Jennifer Lambert, Dani Crane, Samantha O’Neill-Dunbar, Suzanna Spears (CCCS), Melody Bolton, Maureen Wirth, Nancy Lemein, Danny Sisneros, Steve Wright, Debi Holleman (phone), Les Watkins (phone), Jennifer Nettesheim (CCHE), Louise March (CO Next Magazine).

II. Escrow Credit Presentation – Suzanna Spears, CCCS

- A way that students can achieve college credit while in a Career and Technical Education prep class with a grade of B or better.
- Strategy for keeping youth in school
- CCCS has approved all of the programs that exist in the secondary schools
- Team building, leadership, skills developed through student organizations & the competitions that they are competing in
- CTE certification done by leaders at CCCS, who review programs against national standards and other CDE standards. Dept. of Corrections programs are also reviewed and approved in this same way, so the youth offenders are able to participate in this as well. Not currently working with DYC, looking for linkage. List of approved CTE, by district, on the website.
- Credits stay available/active within 2 years of graduation. Exceptions could be made (ex, if entering the military after high school) if they can pass assessments.
- Secondary students can enroll in up to 2 community college credit courses in each of their Junior and Senior years. Family pays tuition up front, and can be reimbursed upon successful completion of the classes in general ed or technical ed courses. Guidelines do vary district to district.
- Other credits (advanced placement, international baccalaureate credits, etc) can be awarded at the community colleges (and other institutions) without charge, but there may be placement testing or assessments that would be subject to a fee.
- There are ads on tv regarding the College Opportunity Fund, marketing at the community college systems, or on the tail end when the registration fees arrive without the stipend subtracted because they have not set up an account. Also CCHE has a marketing campaign, working directly with kids at the schools, etc.

CO Next Presentation – Louise March

- Published by the Boulder County Business Report

- 10 states publish this type of magazine, originally started in Arkansas
- Last yr the SYC purchased a back page ad for \$6400; GSJH purchased an ad for \$1700; Looking at larger package to combine the efforts of SYC and GSJH.
- Circulation is free for students; over 100,000 were published. 5,000 were sent to the regional workforce centers state wide
- Louise wants our workforce centers to have a bigger voice within the pages of the magazine, and sent around sample layouts and financial packages for involvement. She would like to focus on success stories related to workforce experiences.
- Suggested a map of locations; Interested in doing CO Next front cover based on the people that were part of the success stories in CO.
- Jen had questions about the fact that it sounds like we would need to write the content, as well as pay for the placement of it;
- Maureen – lots of kids not tied in to the public schools; teachers are desperate for info; alternative education locations (residential treatment centers, etc); Maureen and Louise need to share a distribution list for these alternative ed settings so that CO Next can make it to those audiences; Melody still did not receive copies in her region and will work with Louise too. CCHE will share their school counselor list with CCHE
- We should try to get a decision to Louise as soon as possible. Next publishing in October

III. Review of Minutes (April 2005)

- Ann made a motion to approve April's minutes, seconded by Melody, motion passed.

IV. Co-Chairs Update – Jennifer Lambert, Dani Crane

- A. Strategic Planning Session – Dani would like a group of volunteers from SYC to help plan, and targeted July for a session; Dani wants business input; Volunteers - Ann Baker, Dani Crane, Mark Johnston, Sue Schierkolk, Melody, Jennifer, Debi Holleman, Samantha O'Neill-Dunbar, Kevin Jonell
- B. Dani – Div of Youth Corrections principals met at Tri County, getting key train programs, and there is interest among the Division of Youth Corrections locals to get involved in their local youth councils. Also, there is \$15 million in youth offender grants available.
- C. CTE (Career & Technical Education) programs in secondary schools are having conference in Fort Collins, July 25-28, would like to have workforce make a presentation; Dani would like SYC to get involved/provide support, and to present as well. Dani will get more details. If a vote is needed, it will come out electronically.
- D. Junior Achievement – 9th grade thru age 19 at Johnson and Wales, 5 day program, \$150 per youth, to go through a competition similar to the Apprentice reality show; June 12-17. Look at website <http://www.jacolorado.org/programs/students/businessWeek.shtml>

Maybe next year SYC could be a sponsor?

E. New apprenticeship workshop June 13-16, details attached

V. Office of Workforce Development Update – Aron Diaz, Steve Wright

A. PGL Update and PY04 Grant Information distributed – rephrased e-3 bullet to say “how will your project meet the e-3 methodology, and how will your extension be strengthened by applying the e-3 concept”. Mark asked if prior sustained programs could be enhanced via funding. Yes. If regions are meeting goals, they would get their money off the top (priority award); Colorado youth programs received a 28% increase, so there is a lot of money available locally; Also, there is a 10% waiver passed by DOL that will allow regions to try more innovative things without performance measures; the extension of the date makes sense from the SYC’s perspective; a motion was made by Mark Johnston to extend the PY04 grants to 9/30/05, seconded by Ann, motion passed.

B. SWIS Committee Allocation to SYC

- SWIS Committee voted to allocate \$400,000 to the SYC this year to fund 10% WIA youth discretionary projects and activities

C. Think Big! Update (May 26-27 @ Denver West Marriott)

- 97 people have registered so far (goal was 100); 15 rooms for Wednesday, 20 for Thursday
- All but 2 regions are represented (SW and SC)
- SYC members that plan on attending need to register
- Trinkets have been ordered; conference program and agendas will be available shortly
- Looking into video taping some of the workshops, could be on DVD as a tool for new operators
- Labor laws will be put on portal, and portal training will be done (mandatory for all registrants, as well as marketing piece)
- Booker and Mark Pingrey will be speaking, with a special lunch guest providing entertainment on Thursday

D. State Plan (see attached)

VI. Governor’s Summer Job Hunt – Julie Berge

- The Summer Job Hunt fairs have been completed
- 27,936 youth have registered and are seeking employment. This number is 1,500 less than last year.
- 388 youth have found jobs due to the efforts of the GSJH
- More GSJH staff have been engaged in employer outreach and have become involved in their local youth councils
- Labor/GSJH moved to 633 17th Street, 7th floor in Denver. Stop by and visit their new digs!
- Will be on a Colorado segment on Channel 9 at 10 am, date tbd.

VII. Youth Transition Grant – Sue Schierkolk

Recent Activity – On April 19th the 3 new sites came to Denver for grant training. They learned about the grant, ODEP’s guiding principles, the concepts of resource mapping & focus groups, were trained on the tools to use to perform their local resource scan, were trained on their scope of work, expectations, and were shown the contents of the quarterly reports. The initial 3 sites joined the meeting as well to mentor the new sites and give first hand perspective of how their first year has gone. Overall the meeting went very well.

The past few weeks have been spent brainstorming on the evaluation plan, which is due at the end of May. We fully expect to arrive at 5-10 measurable areas that will align the original grant application, the data gathered both at a State level and locally, and from the Probank & Westat criteria that were guideposts for our work.

A subset of the grant team has gone through 2 days of MS Project training, and the grant timeline and activities are being mapped into this software.

There is a grantee conference this month from May 23 – 25 in Minnesota.

May be approaching SYC and partners in data collection efforts (pre/post surveys, etc)

VIII. Youth Forum – Samantha O’Neill-Dunbar

- The Youth Forum met at CCCS on May 3
- Turn-out was light, but we had a productive meeting
- Doug Glynn (CDE/Adult Education) asked the group if they believed that they should a) disband, b) meet on an ad hoc basis as projects or other issues arose, or c) re-configure ourselves to work on a specific issue, under the guidance of Al McMahill of School-and-Main
- As much as the group has an identity crisis, we seemed to agree that the group shouldn't be disbanded because there are lots of gaps in services for youth who need services. Lots of discussion around the needs of the group, what we could be, who should be at the table...and how the group should function under a broader umbrella. Several in the group held up the State Youth Council as the appropriate entity to act as the broad umbrella under which the Youth Forum, as well as other youth-oriented issue groups could operate. In this way, we could ensure that gaps were being addressed and avoid unnecessary duplication
- Kathy Otten (CDLE) presented a proposal for a youth offender grant that has recently been released by the USDOL. The grant has a short turn-around time...but the Youth Forum agreed that this would be a good first project for the group to support as a collaborative...and help us to gel and move forward. Would be a metro area one-stop concept specifically for youth offenders

- Dani will be speaking to the youth forum to see how they can work together, and was looking to the SYC for some info. Sue mentioned that the membership subcommittee would be analyzing the roster to see where we could get individuals to join the SYC. Dani feels that the youth forum should table their strategic planning until after the SYC does theirs.
- We could use the forum as a subcommittee to work with the SYC to make sure their visions and standpoints are represented and also target members of the youth forum to fill out our own membership

IX. Membership Subcommittee

The membership sub-committee met via teleconference on April 25th and went over the current status of the SYC.

Target areas for membership development are as follows:

- Child Welfare
- Juvenile Justice/Youth Corrections
- Public Housing & Safety (State and/or local)
- Job Corps
- Expert in Youth Policy

We have received an application for a representative to potentially fill the “expert in youth policy” slot. Anne-Marie Braga is a State Social Work Consultant for CO Department of Public Health & Environment’s Health Care Program for Children and Youth with Special Needs.

Melody made a motion to accept Ann-Marie, seconded by Julie, motion passed.

Debi Holleman is now an employee of Stephenson’s Office Systems, ceo Melissa Murdoch (minority owned and operated co reconditioning offices); working on a program with her ceo on youth program, will send details later; would like to use this model to spread to other companies or seek contributions to sponsor kids; \$100 scholarship for books, etc; Mark – suggested that Debi target local workforce programs to enhance and leverage project through paid work experiences, etc; Connect Seth Howsden to Debi;

Caren Swales is looking into a potential resource to fill the housing need. Sue Schierkolk is looking into juvenile justice/youth corrections. Steve contacted the current parent and left a message asking if she is still willing to participate.

Letters will be generated to the newer members for a more formal orientation, perhaps a breakfast, potentially prior to the strategic planning session.

Regarding the DECA group, the group mentioned possibly getting the remaining kids that have not graduated to help the SYC by volunteering at the Think Big Youth Forum. The group also suggested SYC members should volunteer to participate in the mock interviews & role playing activities that the kids engage

in. It was suggested that Ruth (the teacher that brought the kids to the prior SYC meeting) might want to join the SYC or participate regularly. Julie Berge will contact her.

X. Finance Committee

- Budget: PY04 = \$72,931.00. Expires June 2007

XI. Other Items

- Mark Johnston would like the State Youth Council to consider supporting the WIA Youth Operators by providing funding for conference calls

Mark proposed a motion to have SYC fund conference calls for state wide WIA Operators regarding the Challenger Learning Center in CO Springs (3 calls, June 1, July, August). 4 or 5 local areas would like to bring their low income, at risk youth in to participate in this program, but they need some support for the calls. Approx 10 regions. Second by Sue, motion passed.

CO Next Discussion:

The small rural sites have been left out. Needs better coordination with CDE to get locations of schools.

This year there are 55,000 juniors State-wide. Distribution of 100,000 probably wouldn't have been enough to get to all the kids plus the wfc's.

There should be more of a win-win built in to this;

Their post-secondary school list is not complete;

Dani would like a small subcommittee to work on negotiation, distribution, content, on the CO Next plan for this year.

They should provide the editorial on the success stories. Aron, Julie, Dani and Jennifer could meet with the editors/publishers of CO Next.

- Debi – can the SYC get a captive audience of juniors & seniors at the schools to talk about GSJH, CO Next, and other tools, etc? Maureen stated that many schools do not have assemblies due to the pressures of CSAP. Possibly try to tie in to parent & teacher conference nights, back to school nights, college nights, etc. Also add CCHE into the mix.

XI. Next Meeting

July 14, 8-10 am (just a few people needed) pre-planning meeting for strategic session to be held July 29. Locations to be determined.