

State Youth Council  
Meeting Minutes  
June 29, 2006  
A/D Works!

Attendees: Lorie Mitchell, Debi Holleman, Melody Bolton, Nina Holland, Mark Johnston, Steve Wright, Dani Crane, Caren Swales, Barb Palmer, Julie Berge, Kelly McDougal, Booker Graves, Verlia Dexter, Tom Noland (Assoc Builders and Contractors), Lee Blum (Assoc General Contractors of CO)

#### Membership

- Received applications from Nina Holland and Kelly McDougal
- Need to convene a call to discuss applications and direction of future members; Steve will contact Kersten

#### Think Big Youth Forum

- Evaluations were excellent; Feedback was excellent; Everyone wants the event repeated annually and expanded to more people & partners
- Over 200 attendees
- Mark Johnston – Thanks to the SYC, CDLE, OWD for the scholarships and coordination
- Steve – we shared the info, agenda, and promising practices info with the feds on our project and it was very well received

#### Youth Operators

- Melody is now the chair
- Meet quarterly, SYC was funding their conference calls
- Want to go in the direction of a managerial operator's meeting & fall under the SYC as a non-voting subcommittee in either the Performance or Local Strategies goal categories; SYC could lend support related to conference calls, connecting efforts, etc.
- Focus on performance measures, state-wide topics, training, regionalism, WIRED Grant, etc. Also touches non-wia managers in some local regions
- Denver, Boulder, Adams, Larimer, etc all have expressed interest in participating in this group
- SYC member would need to be a representative and bring issues or decision items forward to the SYC
- Mark will generate interest among the operators and try to find a "leader" via email
- Nina: finding a single voice in the state would help to bring issues to the forefront nationally

#### Construction Career Days Presentation – Lee Blum, Associated General Contractors of Colorado

- Lee passed out a report and budget from the 2005 event

- SYC is interested in supporting the event, and a motion was passed to provide up to \$9,000 to the event this year
- The SYC wants to make sure that we (and the State's Workforce System) are marketed wherever possible
- Members had many questions about out-of-school WIA kids, etc
- Lee Blum will coordinate with Julie Berge, and Julie will work with the workforce centers to make sure we are able to get WIA youth to attend (Julie is on the planning committee for the event)
- Melody wants information to distribute state-wide, as many rural schools do not receive the documentation and information about these kinds of events

#### OWD Updates

- Booker provided an update on WIA funding in Colorado
- Advised that at this point, the SYC should not expect to be able to fund youth projects regionally in Colorado (ie. No PGL & grant process this year); Need to focus our efforts and funding on sustaining the existing workforce systems
- We will receive additional information in August/September regarding additional discretionary funding that may be available

#### Work Groups

- Everyone will try to re-convene work groups around the goals
- Steve will update the templates to see where each of the groups are at as far as timelines, accomplishments, and next steps

#### Future Meetings

- Second Thursday, 9 am -11:30am
- August 10
- None in September (workforce development month)
- October 12
- December 14
- Please volunteer locations to Steve Wright!