



Youth Council Minutes

Monday, October 10th, 2011

Conference Room – Madren Center – Clemson

Members Present:

Betsy Burkett
Lisa Gillespie
Kristi King-Brock
Heather Love

Melvin Martin
Tim Mays
Amy Miller
Rick Murphy

Crystal Noble
Linda Valone
Tabitha Vasilas
Janice Walpole

Members Absent:

Tina Brown
Danny Fahey

Hugh Foster
Katerina O’Kelley

Sandra Pruitt

Providers/Guests:

Karen Craven

Dana Grant

Kal Kunkel

Staff Present:

Sharon Crite
Windy Graham

CraytonPruitt
Shae Rozakos

- I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION-** Kristi King-Brock- Chair
Youth Council greeting and opening statements were made by Chair Kristi King-Brock. Individual introductions of all persons in attendance were also heard.
- II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (6/6/11)-** Kristi King-Brock- Chair
The minutes from June 6, 2011 meeting were emailed, posted on website and included in the packet for review. Chair Kristi King-Brock called for any corrections or amendments to the minutes.

COUNCIL ACTION TAKEN: A motion to adopt the minutes as written was made by Melvin Martin; seconded by Crystal Noble, and carried with a unanimous voice vote.

- III. APPROVAL OF THE REVISED MINUTES (4/11/11)-** Kristi King-Brock- Chair
The minutes from April 11, 2011 meeting were emailed, posted on website and included in the packet for review. Chair Kristi King-Brock called for any corrections or amendments to the minutes.

COUNCIL ACTION TAKEN: A motion to adopt the minutes as written was made by Melvin Martin; seconded by Crystal Noble, and carried with a unanimous voice vote.

IV. Ratification of Electronic Votes

COUNCIL ACTION TAKEN: A motion to adopt the votes as captured by electronic voting was made by Heather Love; seconded by Tim Mays, and carried with a unanimous voice vote.

- V. Palmetto Youth Connections**
Karen Craven referred the Youth Council to handouts that were passed out to all members and guests. She reviewed the handout that presented the Monthly Report Update for Youth for PY '11. She pointed out to the Youth Council that the Total Literacy/Numeracy Gains of 9%. She also pointed out to the Youth Council, the 18 new enrollments over the past three months and stated that the total is up to 112 thus far with their overall goal being 169 new enrollments that they were well on their way to reaching that goal.

Karen Craven also referred the Youth Council to the handout that presented the Monthly Report Update for September- Gateway to College Youth for PY '11. She pointed out to the Youth Council that the Total Literacy/Numeracy Gains of 85.7%. She also pointed out to the Youth Council, no new enrollments over the past month and stated that the total carryover is 26.

Chair King-Brock asked if they anticipate being able to exceed the enrollment and literacy/numeracy goals. Karen Craven confirmed enrollment goals will be met or exceeded as would the literacy/numeracy goals.

Karen Craven shared a couple of quick success stories from the programs and stated that they had received nothing but positive feedback from the participants of the programs.

VI. Old Business:

AOP-Business & Industry Showcase Update

Rick Murphy gave an update of the Career Cluster Showcase that was held September 20th-22nd. He stated that last year they had 70 area businesses but this year they had around 110 businesses.

Kristi King-Brock recognized Betsy Burkett, Tim Mays, Crystal Noble, and Tabitha Vasilas for working the WorkLink booth at the Business Industry Showcase

Sharon Crite referred Youth Council members to page 28 for the funding assistance for bus transportation for six school districts. Tim Mays asked why Oconee was not funded; Kristi King-Brock and Rick Murphy explained that Oconee County has budgeted for event in their annual school budget.

Rick Murphy explained Monday will be the first meeting to follow up the event and discuss the results and opinions of the event, they will be meeting at Borg Warner. He explained that they have been surveying attendees and are working on analysis of the surveys of event. He stated that one of the first requests heard from employers was that expanding it from one day last year, this year was two days, but that it was still crowded at times and that expanding to three days would likely help the process for students. He stated that they are already looking at stretching it to a third day, but that it may cause some problems for some businesses to commit for all three days. He stated that they had talked with employers immediately following and took suggestions on improvements.

He stated that the night setup for teachers went well, they had 75 teachers attend it, and they looking to expand on it as well.

AOP-Business & Industry Showcase Video

Crayton Pruitt showed the video that was sent for each of the students to view prior to going to the AOP-BIS.

2-1-1 Bookmarks & Brochures

Sharon Crite reviewed the 2-1-1 materials that were included with each Youth Council members' packet.

Youth Council Strategic Plan Sub-Committee Directory

Sharon Crite referred Youth Council Members to page 31-32 of the packet provided. She reviewed the sub-committees and stated those meetings would be set up this month.

Special Youth Barrier

Kristi King-Brock reviewed page 33 for Special Youth barrier brought to the Youth Council to remove the barrier. Sharon Crite reviewed that the Work Readiness and Soft Skills Barriers would add additional paperwork (testing) to the participant and provider. This barrier has been tied to eligibility and certification and should be programmatic where all youth receive these services. Youth Council would need to vote to remove this from the eligibility criteria.

Lisa Gillespie asked about ADA requirement and if it still will be compliant. Windy Graham referred to verifications of disability which is quite lengthy. It could be a current IEP from previous school signed by guidance counselor or family physician, or SSI/SSDI associated with first barrier.

Crystal Noble asked about the expectations and asked if it was all or just one of the barriers and what is expectation. Windy Graham stated currently the way it was written would require an additional test. Crystal Noble stated that so in summary it is basically simplifying the process. Windy Graham stated the intent is to serve the most in need. Kristi King-Brock stated that this was placed in to assist with the Summer Youth Employment Program.

COUNCIL ACTION TAKEN: A motion to remove Work Readiness as one of the Special Youth Barrier, “Is the applicant (youth 17-21) in need of work-readiness skills to include soft skills, life skills, occupational skills, and lack of work experience?” was made by Tabitha Vasilas; seconded by Melvin Martin, and carried with a unanimous voice vote.

VII. New Business:

Career Clusters

Shae Rozakos stated that everyone is having issues with being able to deliver services within Career Clusters. She stated that we will be developing definitions for clusters to include jobs of need in Anderson, Oconee, and Pickens Counties with each county’s Economic Development. She stated we are left to define ourselves. Want to make sure we address the areas of need

RFP for study to see the needs of Adult/DW/Youth

COUNCIL ACTION TAKEN: A motion to approve the budgeted amount to help the RFP for the area study was made by Crystal Noble; seconded by Heather Love, and carried with a unanimous voice vote.

Mandatory Membership (Parent of Eligible Youth)

Kristi King-Brock stated that the Youth Council would need to find another candidate to fill the requirements as a parent of an eligible youth to fill the vacated position on the Youth Council of Katerina O’Kelley. She has had to resign her position on the Council to take care of a family member. She stated that members should be on the lookout for a replacement.

PY ’10 Final Youth Performance

Windy Graham referred the Youth Council members to page 35 of the packet provided. She reviewed the PY ’10 Final Youth Performance exceeded all performance measures line-by-line

Page 37 Performance Outcome Group-By individual Performance

Summary of Youth Build (Lancaster)

Kristi King-Brock referred members of Youth Council to pages 39-42 for a summary of the Youth Build program in Lancaster, SC. She reviewed their trip to see the programs and stated with good leadership down in Lancaster that they are building youth and the partnership is working well and would work well here.

Summary of In-School Program (Dorchester)

Kristi King-Brock introduced Kal Kunkel of Henkels & McCoy, he passed out a handout for the in-school program in Dorchester. He reviewed the programs of study offered at the Dorchester Career & Technology Center. He stated that this is the seventh year of service for the Center and that it is the fourth year that it has offered an all-day program. He stated that they provide services to 500-575 students at any given time and that 165 of those students remain on campus all-day. He reviewed the funding portion of the handout and stated that it has worked smoothly for them, for both In-School and Out of School Youth

Janice Walpole asked if they have waiting lists. Kristi King-Brock said that there are not.

Additional Change to Special Youth Barriers

Windy Graham suggested defining "Does Youth lack adequate transportation?" and make the change to the Special Youth Barrier.

COUNCIL ACTION TAKEN: A motion to change the second Youth Requires Additional Assistance- Special Youth Barrier to read "Does applicant lack reliable transportation, defined as not having a valid driver's license or access to an automobile?" was made by Tabitha Vasilas; seconded by Tim Mays, and carried with a unanimous voice vote.

VIII. Adjourn