

# YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 21, 2010

## I. Call to Order

### Present:

Frank Blowers  
Peter Keating  
Bob Doetsch  
Kathy Sasinowski  
Debbie Bouts  
Mike Kramer  
Chuck Shields

### Absent:

Paul Reiz  
Patti Gendernalik

### Others Present:

John Bierbusse  
Beth Diehl  
Cris Robson

Mr. Blowers called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

## II. Approval of November 18, 2009 Minutes

**PETER KEATING MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 18, 2009 AS PRESENTED; SUPPORT BY DEBBIE BOUTS. MOTION CARRIED.**

## III. Recommendation to Approve Negotiation of PY'10 Summer Youth Contracts

### a. In-School Youth

Eight current in-school youth continuum program contractors sought additional funds to continue program operations into the next program year. Michigan Works funding is primarily used to pay the salaries of the youth facilitators who operate the various programs for this at-risk population. Staff sought permission to return to these current contractors to review budgets. Warren Woods Public Schools was not recommended at this time for the continuum program due to low enrollment. Staff will work closely with school personnel to determine the future direction of their program. A total of \$3,780,115 has been requested; staff wishes to negotiate to a lower cost of \$1,914,047.

### b. Out-of-School Youth

Eleven proposals were presented for the out-of-school youth program. This is a very difficult population to serve with the majority being high school dropouts. A total of \$1,464,935 was requested; staff will negotiate at a lower cost of \$1,019,440.

After review and discussion, **PETER KEATING MOVED TO APPROVE NEGOTIATION OF IN-SCHOOL AND OUT- OF-SCHOOL YOUTH PROGRAM CONTRACTS AND TO FORWARD TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR FINAL APPROVAL; SUPPORT BY KATHY SASINOWSKI. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## IV. Update on Possible 2010 Summer Youth Employment Program

Last year \$1.3 billion was distributed nationwide to operate summer youth programs. Our board provided services to approximately 2,500 young people. Mr. Bierbusse informed members that the House of Representatives has forwarded a \$600 million Bill to the Senate for approval to operate summer youth programs nationwide once again this year. However, the Senate has not taken any action. It is now very late into the year which jeopardizes implementation, i.e., no time to hire staff, difficulty in identifying young people, etc. If funding is received, current staff will implement the program and former service providers will be asked to extend their previous contracts. However, the program will be smaller than last summer.

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**V. Other Business**

The committee was previously surveyed to determine whether they wish to continue with the youth essay project where students submit a short essay regarding their experience in the Michigan Works youth programs. Since all had agreed that it is a good learning process and beneficial for students to review their progress, essays were solicited from both in-school and out-of-school youth.

Five in-school youth essays and four out-of-school youth essays were reviewed. First place winners in each category will receive \$150; second place receives \$100; and third place winners will receive \$50. This year's winners are in-school youth Stacy White, Samuel Krueger and Tatiana McCants. The out-of-school winners are MacKenzie Cook, Jasmine Connor and Shalal Bullock.

All winners will be notified and invited to the May general meeting to receive their prizes.

**V. Adjournment**

**CHUCK SHIELDS MOVED TO ADJOURN; SUPPORT BY PETER KEATING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Carne  
Recording Secretary