

YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 15, 2009

I. Call to Order

Present:

Frank Blowers
Patti Gendernalik
Debbie Bouts

Absent:

Paul Reiz
Kathy Sasinowski
Mike Kramer
Chuck Shields
Peter Keating

Others Present:

Bob Apczynski
Linda McLatcher

Mr. Blowers called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

II. Approval of March 18, 2009 Minutes

FRANK BLOWERS MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MARCH 18, 2009 AS PRESENTED; SUPPORT BY DEBBIE BOUTS. MOTION CARRIED.

III. Recommendation to Approve Negotiation of Summer Youth Proposals

Staff received 25 summer youth program proposals for Macomb County and 11 for St. Clair County requesting a total of \$1,388,718 to potentially create 1,250 summer jobs for economically disadvantaged youth. While the target enrollment is 2,000, additional students will come from the surrounding community and schools who did not submit proposals.

The majority of proposals are for traditional projects such as landscaping, tutoring and general maintenance. Upon review, many proposals reflect large staffing and supply costs; some list participant wages, which are NOT to be included in requests. The committee recommends capping project supplies at \$50 per participant.

30% of participants will be out of school youth. Participants cannot be hired to perform work of a laid-off employee at any site. Union concurrence will be obtained where applicable. Proposers who cannot agree to these restrictions will be eliminated from funding.

Job coaches will be hired from the pool of applicants and will earn approximately \$12 per hour. Their responsibilities will include working side-by-side with younger youth. The ratio is 1 supervisor per 10 students. A background check will be completed for all job coaches and facilitators.

The total amount of funding for these proposals will be capped at \$1,050,000, with \$800,000 targeted for services to in-school youth and the remaining \$250,000 targeted to out-of-school youth.

Twenty (20) summer youth facilitators were hired and reported for work April 20th.

After review and discussions, **DEBBIE BOUTS MOVED TO NEGOTIATE WITH SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM PROPOSERS AND TO FORWARD TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR FINAL APPROVAL; SUPPORT BY PATTI GENDERALIK. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

VI. Other Business

- a. Recommendation to approve work experience barrier definition for the summer youth program

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As a component of the performance standards, a definition for work experience barriers was developed as follows: a youth who lacks previous work experience or who has a record of intermittent work experience by not holding a job for more than six months will be considered to have a significant barrier to employment.

DEBBIE BOUTS MOVED TO APPROVE THE WORK EXPERIENCE BARRIER DEFINITION AS PRESENTED AND TO FORWARD TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR FINAL APPROVAL; SUPPORT BY PATTI GENDERNALIK. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda McLatcher
Recording Secretary