

YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

May 20, 2009

I. Call to Order

Present:

Frank Blowers
Peter Keating
Patti Gendernalik
Kathy Sasinowski
Debbie Bouts
Mike Kramer
Chuck Shields

Absent:

Paul Reiz

Others Present:

John Bierbusse
Bob Apczynski
Linda McLatcher

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

II. Approval of April 15, 2009 Minutes

PATTI GENDERNALIK MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF APRIL 15, 2009 AS PRESENTED; SUPPORT BY DEBBIE BOUTS. MOTION CARRIED.

III. Recommendation to Approve Negotiated Summer Youth Proposals

a. WIA

Linda McLatcher presented ten WIA in-school youth projects now in the third year of their contract. The summer components are operated through the WIA continuum program. These providers are revisited each year to allow for an opportunity to make any necessary budget or programmatic adjustments. Eight of the ten current providers are offering a summer program where students will be retained in the program at the end of the summer. She clarified that those proposals made under the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act will be operated during the summer only.

Negotiations are pending with L'Anse Creuse Schools and Warren Woods. Negotiated costs for the in-school population is \$1,292,236.31.

The out-of-school component was negotiated with eight service providers. Costs were adjusted to address supplies and staffing needs. Warren Woods and St. Clair County Community College negotiations are pending. Negotiated costs for the out-of-school population is \$679,984.22. Frank Blowers requested an invitation be extended to the Leaps & Bounds staff to attend a future youth advisory committee meeting.

After review and discussion, **CHUCK SHIELDS MOVED TO APPROVE THE WIA IN-SCHOOL AND OUT-OF-SCHOOL CONTRACTS AS PRESENTED AND TO FORWARD TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR FINAL APPROVAL; SUPPORT BY PETER KEATING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

b. WIA - ARRA (Recovery Act)

Staff met with 25 service providers to negotiate 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.

The majority of proposals are for traditional projects such as landscaping, tutoring and general

maintenance. Upon review, many proposals reflected large staffing and supply costs; some listed participant wages, which are NOT to be included in requests and the board previously capped 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.

Job coaches will be hired from the pool of applicants.

The board previously capped the total amount of funding for these proposals 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. Staff reduced costs to \$902,020 to service 1,237 participants.

Center Line Schools, Lake View Schools and New Haven Schools have proposals still under negotiation. Proposals were withdrawn by Warren Woods Schools and Lighthouse.

Additional work sites continue to be developed to meet the goal of serving 2,000 participants through the Summer Youth Employment Program.

After review and discussion, **DEBORAH BOUTS MOVED TO APPROVE THE 32 SUMMER YOUTH PROJECTS THROUGH THE WIA ARRA FUNDING SOURCE AS NEGOTIATED AND TO FORWARD TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR FINAL APPROVAL; SUPPORT BY PETER KEATING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

IV. Recommendation to Approve WIA - ARRA Plan

Members reviewed the budget information summary for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act plan for the summer youth program. Thirty percent of funds will be dedicated to the out-of-school population. Many of these economically disadvantaged older participants will be hired to provide supervision as job coaches to the younger participants.

After review and discussion, **PETER KEATING MOVED TO APPROVE THE AMERICAN RECOVERY & REINVESTMENT ACT (ARRA) SUMMER YOUTH PLAN AS PRESENTED AND TO FORWARD TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR FINAL APPROVAL; SUPPORT BY KATHY SASINOWSKI. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

V. Other Business

There was no other business.

VII. Adjournment

KATHY SASINOWSKI MOVED TO ADJOURN; SUPPORT BY CHUCK SHIELDS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Carne
Recording Secretary