

YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

November 18, 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:

Linda McLatcher

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

II. Approval of August 19, 2009 Minutes

FRANK BLOWERS MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 19, 2009 AS PRESENTED; SUPPORT BY KATHY SASINOWSKI. MOTION CARRIED.

III. Recommendation to Approve Negotiation of PY'09 Youth Contracts

a. In-School Youth

Due to a slight increase in funding over last year and a significant amount of carry-in to provide new programs, staff previously requested permission to release a new Request for Proposal for additional youth projects. The funding opportunity was also offered to existing contractors who were asked to review their current program designs to possibly expand services and enrollments.

Eight current in-school youth continuum program contractors sought additional funds mostly for expansion of staff, facilities or supplies. Staff sought permission to return to these current contractors to review budgets. Two of the ten did not request any changes. It was noted that the Macomb Intermediate School District is seeking more than \$1million to contract with all 22 districts in Macomb County. Staff recommended negotiating a much lower cost.

Two new proposals were received: Saving Our Neighborhoods and Streets (SONS) in St. Clair County; and Boys & Girls Club of Southeast Michigan in Shelby. These programs were previously funded through the summer youth stimulus program and focus on employability skills and literacy.

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

b. Out-of-School Youth

Five of the eight current OSY providers requested additional funds to increase services to additional out-of-school youth. This is a very difficult population to serve with the majority being high school dropouts. Five new proposals were submitted; The Mohegan Alternative High School; Warren Consolidated Schools and Armada Schools sought funding to serve a combined

85 enrollees. Proposals from the MISD (costly) and Monday Morning Jobs, LLC (late submission) were not recommended.

After review and discussion, **DEBBIE BOUTS MOVED TO APPROVE NEGOTIATION OF OUT- OF-SCHOOL YOUTH PROGRAM CONTRACTS AND TO FORWARD TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR FINAL APPROVAL; SUPPORT BY PATTY GENDERNALIK. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

IV. Other Business

Ms. McLatcher surveyed the committee to determine whether they wish to continue in the spring with the youth essay project where students submit a short essay regarding their experience in the Michigan Works youth programs. All agreed that it is a good learning process and beneficial for students to review their progress.

FRANK BLOWERS MOVED TO CONTINUE THE YOUTH PROGRAM ESSAY CONTEST; SUPPORT BY KATHY SASINOWSKI. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Ms. McLatcher announced her impending retirement in January 2010.

V. Adjournment

FRANK BLOWERS MOVED TO ADJOURN; SUPPORT BY CHUCK SHILED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Carne
Recording Secretary