

SANTEE-LYNCHES WIB
Youth Council Meeting
Thursday, August 18, 2011 – 4:30 PM
Santee-Lynches Regional COG
36 West Liberty Street, Sumter SC 29150

MINUTES

Youth Council Members Present:

Barbara Brown, Thaddeus Dickey, Ed Garrison, Ramona Lies, Troy Santoscoy, Zuelda Williams-Smith

Youth Council Members Not Present:

Dr. James Coleman, Jean Ford, Rose Ford, Tavita Herriott, John Huggins, Jeremy Lane, Sharon Teigue, John Tindal, Gerald Vaughn, Donald Witherspoon

Staff Present:

Brenda Golden, Workforce Development Youth Director
Areatha Clark, Workforce Development Interim A/E Director
Donna Thames, Workforce Development Administrative Assistant
Hope Turner, Workforce Development Finance Coordinator

Guests Present:

Jessica Harris, Palmetto Youth Connections
MaryAnn Sewell, Palmetto Youth Connections
Abby Linden, SC Department of Employment & Workforce

I. Call to Order, Welcome & Introduction of new Members & Guests

Mr. Troy Santoscoy called the Santee-Lynches Workforce Investment Board's (WIB) Youth Council meeting to order at 4:35 PM. Everyone introduced themselves.

II. Approval of Minutes – July 27, 2011 (M)

Mr. Santoscoy entertained a Motion to approve the Youth Council Meeting Minutes of July 27, 2011. **The Motion was made by Mr. Ed Garrison and seconded by Mr. Thaddeus Dickey.** There being no discussion, Mr. Santoscoy called for a vote. **All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

III. PYC Out-of-School Youth Report

Ms. MaryAnn Sewell, Palmetto Youth Connections, reviewed the PYC Out-of-School Youth Report for the month of July 2011 with Committee members.

- New Enrollments in the Youth Program for the month of July: 7
- Goal per contract was 10; PYC's internal records show a goal of 8.
- Ms. Sewell explained that PYC may not meet their goal one month, but they may meet the goal for the quarter.
- 10 Resumes prepared during the month of July
- WorkKeys – 1 Silver certificate was earned and 1 Bronze certificate was earned.
- Ms. Sewell explained that PYC's goal is to serve 230 Youth in 2011-12.

Mr. Santoscoy asked whether PYC met their new enrollment goals for the past quarter and Ms. Golden replied that they did not because PYC was still in transition. Ms. Sewell replied that PYC is seeing a positive trend, even though it is very challenging. Mr. Santoscoy then asked if PYC if they thought they would be meeting their goals for this quarter. Ms. Sewell replied that PYC enrolled five more participants today and they are halfway through their goal of 20. She explained that with their partnering with other agencies, PYC is receiving a lot of referrals now.

IV. Financial Report on Out-of-School Youth Program

Ms. Hope Turner provided the financial update to the Youth Council Members per the attached Report Card Report for the month of July 2011

- Contract with PYC - \$800,000. (Pink Box)
- PYC had projected that they would spend 5% during the month of July; actual was 3%.
- PYC projected new enrollments of 10; actual was 7. (Green Box)
- Ms. Turner elaborated that PYC has enrolled 3 new participants during the first half of August.
- Beginning Funds with PYC including Carryover Funds (Grey Box): \$1,309,154 with expenditures of \$58,827 – 4%.
- Ms. Turner explained that when PYC sent in their closeout invoices for six months (January 1, 2011 – June 30, 2011), they had only spent \$285,681 out of the \$400,000. She further explained that all expenditures will be applied to Program Year 2010 monies, which is good for two years.

V. Focus Area Committee Working Session

Ms Golden explained that the groups assigned to the goals from the Strategic Plan will work separately and establish objectives for each goal. Per the Pilot review, the strategic plan must include timeframes with objectives and strategies.

VI. Review Corrective Action Plan for LWIB Pilot Review:

Ms. Golden explained the corrective action plan related to the local WIB pilot review by SC DEW.

VII. Consideration of request from Jobs for America's Graduates:

Ms. Golden provided an overview of the Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) program with the Youth Council Members. She explained that in recent years the State Workforce Investment Board (WIB) has fully funded the JAG program at 14 high schools throughout the State with extra state funds. The State unfortunately now does not have the funds to continue supporting this program, which is for at-risk students. Manning High School is participating in the JAG program and Ms. Golden explained that the local WIBs have been asked to fund half of the cost of the program for 2011-12, which would require \$32,500 for Manning High School; SCDEW would pay the other half of the program.

Ms. Golden referred to the JAG Follow-up Status Summary report, which showed extremely positive outcomes and achievements from the Program at Manning High School. Based on this report, 100 percent of the 24 seniors who participated in the program graduated. Ms. Golden explained that partnering with the JAG Program would help with our performance numbers and should have a positive impact on achieving or exceeding the "attainment of degree or certificate" performance measure. This commitment would be for one year only and Ms. Golden further stated that this program is a win-win situation.

There was discussion on whether WIA money could be used to serve in-school youth. Ms. Golden stated that she had spoken with Ms. Abby Linden with SCDEW and with the JAG Coordinator, who explained that at one time there was a state mandate to spend WIA money on out-of-school youth only. Ms. Abby Linden replied that the in-school ban never came about because the anticipated federal change never came about, and that the State is now encouraging local WIBs to share in the cost of the JAG program, which has been very successful in the past. Ms. Linden explained that the cost would help pay for the Coordinator. Ms. Golden replied that Santee-Lynches would be responsible for eligibility of these students into the WIA program and if the Youth Council were in agreement to fund the JAG program with SCDEW, there are unobligated funds that could be used for this program. Mr. Santoscoy asked whether a local policy change would be necessary if the Youth Council agrees to co-fund this program. Ms. Areatha Clark noted that the motion would be noted in the minutes. Mr. Santoscoy asked if the Youth Council made a motion tonight, could that motion be brought before the full WIB tonight. Ms. Clark replied "yes" and reminded the Youth Council that all of the youth in the JAG program are at-risk youth. Ms. Abby Linden added that "time is of the essence" with this program and stated that out of the 32 students who can be enrolled in the program, 16 seniors have already been enrolled. Direction will need to be given to Manning High School if it is the desire of the Youth Council to have 20 seniors enrolled in the program

A motion was made by Troy Santoscoy that funding be provided to co-fund the JAG program and stipulate in the contract that 20 seniors be enrolled in the program. The cost to co-fund this program for one year is \$32,500.00. The motion was seconded by Ms. Barbara Brown. There being no discussion, Mr. Santoscoy called for a vote. **All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.** This motion will be brought before the WIB members tonight.

VIII. Other business

No other business was discussed.

IX. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Santee-Lynches Workforce Investment Youth Council Meeting was adjourned at 5:45 PM.