

Strengthening Youth Partnership

Meeting: February 23, 2009

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Agency for Workforce Innovation

Tallahassee, Florida

MEETING SUMMARY

On February 23, 2009 members of the Strengthening Youth Partnerships initiative met at the Caldwell Building at the Agency for Workforce Innovation in Tallahassee. The following individuals attended:

- Dehryl McCall, Workforce Florida
- Holly Carson, AWI
- Lisa Robinson, Juvenile Justice Education, DOE
- Joe Quetone, Governor's Council on Indian Affairs, Inc.
- Molly Roberts, Region 3 Workforce Board
- Warren May, Florida Ready to Work
- Scott Fisk, Region 1 Workforce Escarosa
- Lillian Lima, DCF
- Tammy Workman, DCF
- Clearence McKee, DCF consultant
- Kirk Hall, Vocational Rehabilitation
- Donna Mundy, The Able Trust, High School/High Tech
- Jean Ledew, Florida Crown Workforce Board, Region 7
- Barbara Walker, AWI
- Carol Gordon, Communities in Schools of Florida
- Terri Eggers, Department of Juvenile Justice
- Catherine Heath, Department of Children and Families
- Dawn Hamilton, Brevard Workforce Board, Region 13
- Susan Grimes, Region 3 Chipola Workforce Board
- Jean Amison, Department of Community Affairs
- Adriane Burgess, Department of Community Affairs
- Rose Adams, Region 3 Chipola Workforce Board
- Debby Tharpe, region 5 Workforce Plus
- Tameka Thomas, Dropout Prevention, DOE
- Joined us via phone at 1:30:**
 - Lauren Ragans, Region 6, North Florida Workforce Board
 - Lisa Parlapiano, Region 8 WorkSource
 - Karen Burns, Region 20, Treasure Coast Workforce Board
 - Donna Doubleday, Heartland Workforce Board
 - Brenda Chrisman, Region 12 Central Florida Workforce Board
 - Sharon Reed, Children and Youth Cabinet
 - Brenda Hornickle, DCF (Family Safety)
 - Linda Sumblin, Region 2 Okaloosa/Walton Workforce Board
 - Gail Galbraith, Region 21 Palm Beach Workforce Board
 - Raphaelle Barreau, Region 23, South Florida Workforce Board

MEETING AGENDA AND SUMMARY

The welcome of participants to the meeting was provided by Dehryl McCall, Program Manager at Workforce Florida.

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Agency Updates (highlights)

- a. Dawn Hamilton (region 13), Rose Adams (region 3), Scott Fisk (region 1), Jean LeDew (region 7), and Debbie Tharpe (region 5) all gave regional updates:
- Region 13 has applied for the Young Parents Demonstration Grant.
 - Region 1 is partnering with DCF on a Youth Circles initiative.
 - Region 5 is part of the Leon pilot project (a partnership with DJJ, DCF, AWI, and WFI). Terri Eggers gave a brief report on this pilot. Region 5 is also participating in an FSU mentoring program.
 - Region 7 has a continuation grant for the sixth consecutive year with Able Trust/Fl High School High Tech and continuing with Florida Crown Workforce Board 4 county and 7 After School Program site locations for their dual enrolled WIA/FHSHT youth with educable disabilities.
 - Region 3 continues to place a high priority on serving youth in the juvenile justice system. They also have an upcoming robotics competition on June 8-9th.
- b. Terri Eggers from the Department of Juvenile Justice discussed the Leon pilot project. The Leon SYP is in process at this time with a focus on the 49 'crossover kids' and participation of the school district, DJJ, DCF, regional workforce board, detention, PACE, Tallahassee Marine Institute and CBC. Four meetings have been held and steps are in process for cross-program training and increased RWB services to these youth as a model for the rest of the state.
- c. Lisa Robinson with the Department of Education let the group know that the School District Transition contact list has been updated:
<http://www.criminologycenter.fsu.edu/jjeep/contacts-transition.php>
- d. Warren May with Ready to Work announced that there were 32,000 Ready to Work assessments in the month of February.
- e. Catherine Heath with the Department of Children and Families announced an upcoming Florida Youth Leadership Academy “field trip” where she will be taking 25 teens to Orlando, Fl. on February 27th and 28th.
- f. Jean Amison with the Department of Community Affairs announced a (still tentative and in planning phase) Youth Empowerment & Leadership Development Academy (YELDA) training May 29-31 in Tampa, Fl. She also referred the group to the DCA website, to the Front Porch page:
<http://www.floridacommunitydevelopment.org/fpf/index.cfm>
- g. Kirk Hall with Vocational Rehabilitation plugged the School to Work program <http://www.rehabworks.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=SubMain.STWT> and announced that the VR Transition Guide had been updated and will be available in a few weeks.

3. **Economic Stimulus Package/Summer Jobs**- Group Discussion
USDOL end date 6-30-2010. Funds may be use for year round and/or summer youth activities (a strong emphasis on summer jobs). All performance measures, with the exception of the “work readiness” performance indicator, are waived for summer jobs. The age range of youth activities is expanded to include young adults up to age 24. Workforce Florida is currently waiting for clarification from USDOL on possible waivers and details on eligibility. All the regional workforce boards are anxious to receive guidance.
4. **Operation Full Employment** – Tammy Workman and Clarence McKee (see memo attachment)
5. **Report on the USDOL Peer to Peer Initiative** - Holly Carson
Under the guidance and request of the Federal Partnership (The Shared Youth Vision) Florida has been asked to host a peer- to-peer conference in Destin April 27-28, 2009. Professional facilitation will be provided from School and Main Institute to delve deeper into statewide action plans, refine and modify existing plans, and network with other state colleagues to explore promising practices. A minimum of three states must attend; and each state team must consist of at least four agencies (including workforce, justice, human services and educational agencies represented in their composition).
6. **Briefing on Florida’s Children and Youth Cabinet**- Sharon Reed
Sharon discussed the following items: The data sharing Interagency Committee; the Budget Committee; Follow up to recommendations (i.e. The Blueprint Commission); and the State of the Child Report- to be released on March 17th. Current reports that are being reviewed by the Children and Youth Cabinet: DJJ Blueprint; Child Abuse Death Report; Inclusion Now; Office of Adoption Report; and the Task Force on Child Protection.
http://www.flgov.com/youth_cabinet
7. **High School/High Tech Overview**- Donna Mundy – (see attachment)
8. **Update on the Statewide Shared Case Management Pilot Project—review of data/incentives**- Dehryl McCall
Dehryl handed out draft versions of the Shared case Management Pilot first year outcomes which displayed the rankings and potential incentive awards to be given to the RWBs. There was good dialogue surrounding how the data was captured and reported. Tony Carter and Telly Buckles of AWI were also in attendance and they answered several data questions. The data was submitted to the RWBs for any feedback or questions by COB 3/2/09 and on 3/3/09 it will be submitted to the Youth Opportunities Committee for final review and approval. Once approved the incentive dollars will be awarded to the top performing regions.
9. **Review of SYP web site**- Holly Carson
The Strengthening Youth Partnership web site is in its final draft and soon to “go live”.

The My Florida Youth web site was developed to serve as a portal and central location to access all of the youth resources available through Florida’s government agencies and departments. Housed by the Agency for Workforce Innovation, the site focuses heavily on educating youth about their career and education options while providing links to other youth partnership resources for parents and professionals. There was a group consensus that a great useful addition to the web site would be a page for the regional workforce boards to display their local youth programs. With the current AWI budget exhausted for web design, there were some suggestions made on how we can add to the development of this site and possibly explore ongoing web maintenance options. Linda Sumblin from region 2 offered to have her region’s IT CHOICE students look at the site and provide feedback. The SYP group was asked to provide comments and feedback by Friday February 27th.
www.myfloridayouth.com

10. Planning for next SYP meeting

Wednesday May 27, 2009 was the proposed date for the next quarterly meeting. The Department of Children and Families has offered to host the next meeting.

Meeting Evaluation Results

Meeting participants were asked to evaluate the meeting using a five-point scale (1= Not at All and 5= Substantially) on the following:

1. The purpose of this meeting was made clear to me through the materials and information I received prior to the meeting.

0 Responses Not at all	0 Responses	0 Response Somewhat	6 Responses	9 Responses Substantially
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2. The meeting was well organized and made good use of my time.

0 Responses Not at all	0 Responses	0 Responses Somewhat	7 Responses	8 Responses Substantially
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3. As a result of this meeting, I have a better understanding of the progress being made in this initiative.

0 Responses Not at all	0 Responses	0 Responses Somewhat	7 Responses	8 Responses Substantially
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4. The materials and the discussion provided at the meeting were helpful in increasing my understanding of this initiative and in moving the initiative forward.

0 Responses
Not at all

0 Responses

4 Responses
Somewhat

3 Responses

8 Responses
Substantially

5. As a result of this meeting, I plan to do the following related networking in my area:
- a. **High School/High Tech contact**
 - b. **Operation Full Employment contact**
 - c. **Follow up on Shared Case Management data**
 - d. **Provide information to local RWBs and relate information to local organizations (i.e. Youth Circles)**
 - e. **Ready to Work development in conjunction with C.I.L. and V.R.**
 - f. **Network with stakeholders in local areas and establish statewide outcomes**

Attachments:

Operation Full Employment Memo
High School/High Tech info. sheet
Regional Workforce Board Youth Program Contact List