



WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD *OF TULARE COUNTY*

YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETING

November 17, 2020 Minutes

Committee Members Present: Colby Wells-Chair, Galen Quenzer, Linda Patino, Mary Alice Escarsega-Fechner, Donnette Silva-Carter

WIB Staff Present: Mary Rodarte, Desiree Landeros, Laura Gonzalez, Jennie Bautista

Committee Members Absent: Samantha Ferrero, Melodee Krenk, Robert Alcazar

1. **Call to Order:** Colby Wells – Chair called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m.
2. **Public Comment:** Colby Wells – Chair called for public comments; there were no public comments
3. **Consent Items:**
 - a. Approve February 6, 2020 WIB Youth Committee Meeting Minutes

Motion by Donnette Silva-Carter second by Linda Patino to approve the Consent Items; carried by unanimous vote.

4. **Information/Discussion Items:**

Desiree Landeros shared a power point on the information/discussion items.

- In- School Youth Partner Application-Update

In-School Youth Partner Application Projects.

- February 5th, 2020 WIB Board approved release of ISY Partnership Application to School districts throughout Tulare County.
- WIB received seven applications form school districts
Porterville Unified, Lindsay Unified, Tulare Joint Union High School,
Cutler-Orosi Unified, Dinuba Unified, Woodlake Unified
- Funding is allocated to Service Providers – TCOE, CSET, Proteus
- Each high school will serve 20 students

- Summer Training and Employment Program for Students with Disabilities (STEPS)

The WIB's second year of funding for the (STEPS) Program and was extended to year round. Foundation of Community College and DOR Awarded \$250.000

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Period of Performance – July 1st thru April 30th, 2021

Primary Focus – Workplace Readiness and Work Experience

Primary Eligibility Requirements

- Students -Secondary or Post-Secondary
- Ages 16-21
- Are eligible for, and receiving special education or related services
- Have IEP or 504 Plan
- An approved referral by Department of Rehabilitation

Performance Outcomes

- Enroll 50 students
- 30 hours work readiness training-receive a stipend upon completion
- Up to 190 hours paid work experience

• Tulare County Board of Supervisors #LEAD Program

Tulare County Board of Supervisors Awarded \$250,000

Period of Performance – July 1st thru June 30th, 2021

Primary Focus – Workplace Readiness and Work Experience

Primary Eligibility Requirements

- High School Junior or Senior, and
- Have participated in 80% of the #LEAD program over the past year

Performance Outcomes

- Serve 30 students
- Complete work readiness training
- Paid work experience

Desiree Landeros shared two Success Stories for students Jaqueline and Jonathan who are enrolled in the (SETPS) Program and a couple that met through the #LEAD program.

• Focused Conversation – Identifying the Needs of WIOA Eligible Youth in Tulare County

PY 19/20 Youth Outcomes and Demographics

- 534 youth served
- 227 placed on paid work experience
- 49% male and 51% female

PY 19/20 WIOA Out-School Youth and Demographics

- Barriers or Youth Served by Race/Ethnicity

Eligibility Criteria An out of School Youth

- Not Attending any school and; Age 16-24 at the time of enrollment and;

One or more the following criteria:

- A low-income individual who is Basic Skills Deficient or English language learner that has a HSD or equivalent
- School dropout, Justice Involved
- Homeless individual or runaway, Foster Care, Pregnant or parenting
- Individual with disability
- Transgender and gender non-conforming individuals

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Program Elements/Services

- Career Exploration
- Labor Market Information
- Financial Literacy Education
- Comprehensive Guidance and Counseling-Case Management
- Work Experience
- Support Services
- Follow-up - Retention

FOCUS QUESTION:

How might we use program, strategies, and services to help Out-of-School Youth (OSY) to transition to employment, post-secondary education or short-term career technical training?

Jennie Bautista asked the committee members if there are any program elements or services that are unclear to them and asked the member to brainstorm any ideas?

Jennie Bautista Shared a link: <https://jamboard.com> where you can add sticky notes.

Next scheduled meeting TBD.

5. **Good of the Order/Adjourn:** There being no further business; the meeting was adjourned by Colby Wells-Chair at 9:07 a.m.