

Workforce Investment Board of Tulare County

Youth Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 21, 2024, 9:00 a.m.- 10:00 a.m.

YOUTH COMMITTEE MEMBER PRESENT: Yolanda Valdez (Chair), Mary Alice Escarsega-Fechner, Marie Pinto, Galen Quenzer, Donnette Silva-Carter, Kelsey Jones, Michelle Engle-Silva

YOUTH COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Tim Hire, Margarita Luna

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Yolanda Valdez called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Yolanda Valdez – Chair, called for public comments; there were no public comments.
3. **CONSENT ITEMS:**
 - a. Approve November 2, 2023, Youth Committee Meeting Minutes.

Motion by Donnette Silva-Carter, second by Mary Alice Escarsega-Fechner to approve the Consent Items; carried by unanimous vote.

4. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. Mid-Year Program Report
 - i. WIOA Out-of-School and In-School Youth Programs- Desiree Landers
Provided an overall of the current formula allocations
 - 80% of WIOA funding is dedicated to serve Out-of-School Youth
 - 20% Of WIOA funding is dedicated to service In- School Youth
 - Reviewed mid-year enrollment outcomes
 - 334 Out-of School Youth
 - 87 Work Experiences
 - 61 Education or Training Program
 - Paid Wages \$230,640
 - Reviewed WIOA Funded In-School Youth Projects
 - WIOA High School Partnership
 - Jump Start
 - Tulare County Probation
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 - 18 Enrollments
 - Paid Incentives \$18,000

- Exposure to Industrial Sector Job
- 3-4 Weeks of Training
- Site Tours
- High School Partnership
 - 102 Enrollments
 - 38 Work Experiences
- Gicel Angeles, Workforce Analyst shared the specialized programs overview and mid-year outcomes.
 - Students Training and Employment Program for Students with Disabilities
 - Leading, Educating, Advocating, and Dedication #LEAD Project
 - Equity and Target Population Program
- Shared New Projects
 - Students Training and Employment Program
 - STEM
 - Economic Development Pilot

b. Review State and Local Performance and Expenditure Report Card (PY 23-24 Quarter 2) WIOA Youth Services by Subrecipient:

Youth Services Coordinator Desiree Landeros discussed the PY 23-24 Quarter 2 Report Card for WIOA Youth Services.

- i. Tulare County Office of Education for Employment and Education (TCOE/SEE) for Area I – Porterville, Lindsay, Strathmore, Terra Bella, and Woodville
- ii. Community Services Employment Training (CSET) for Area II – Tulare, Earlimart, Pixley, Tipton
- iii. Community Services Employment Training (CSET) for Area III – Visalia, Goshen
- iv. Community Services Employment Training (CSET) for Area IV – Dinuba, Cutler, Orsi
- v. Proteus, Inc. for Area V – Exeter, Farmersville, Ivanhoe, Woodlake

c. Highlighted Success Stories

Gicel Angeles shared customer Briana Garibay Success Story.

Discussion Items:

Marie Pinto –

ProYouth just purchased a new building for their Administration Office.

30th Annual Golf Tournament, May 31st @ 8am at Dinuba Golf Course

30th Anniversary Gala, June 1st @ 6pm at Wyndham Hotel

Yolanda Valdez-

Noche de Oro Boots & Bling Gala Fundraiser, April 12, 2024 at Seven Sycamore Ranch

ASA Golf Event, April 20th, 2024

Donnette Silva-Carter-

Leadership Tulare Presents 2nd Annual Night of the Killer Dueling Pianos, March 24, 2024 @ 6pm at Internation Tulare Agri Center
World Ag Expo Event – Over 50 countries checked-in, 40 Youth involved, two future business leaders, two schools attended, and youth ambassadors. Our youth really took care of our international guests.

Mary Alice Escarsega-Fechner-

Collaboration with TC Hope on opening up the Visalia Navigation Center. It's scheduled to be completed on June 14, 2024. It will serve 100 unhoused individuals in Visalia. This shelter would assist with wraparound comprehensive services on site. Kings/Tulare Homeless Alliance and Tulare County Behavioral Health will be colocated with CSET. People would be able to stay from 3, 6, or potentially 9 months depending on their needs. It includes a kennel for their pets, bike and storage areas.

5. GOOD OF THE ORDER/ADJOURN:

The meeting was adjourned by Yolanda Valdez at 9:57 a.m.