

COASTAL COUNTIES WORKFORCE BOARD
Minutes of Youth Standing Committee
Coastal Counties Workforce Inc. Fort Andross
December 2, 2015

Youth Council Members in Attendance: Michelle Love (Camden National), Jaime Grover (Goodwill Industries of NNE), Sheila Muldoon (Goodwill Industries of NNE), Christa Baade (CEI), Mary Bouvier (Westbrook Housing Authority), Brenda Perry (LL Bean)

Other: David Wurm (Goodwill Industries of Northern New England), Sally DelGreco

Unable to Attend: Heather Stott (Goodwill of NNE), Joseph Hufnagel (Wayfinder School), Jill Moody (Job Corps)

Minutes—

Motion: Sheila Muldoon

Second: Christa Baade

All Approved

Special Program Update- WIOA Regional Plan Development (Sally DelGreco):

Overview of conversation (Sally DelGreco):

- Workforce boards required to submit plan to governor's office.
- 1 hour discussion to ask questions about serving WIOA Youth in Area IV
- Focus areas include: serving youth with disabilities, age change, out of school

WIOA changes (Council members):

- Members agree the age change will be fairly easy to implement. Goodwill staff spoke about screening young adults ages 18-24 for WIOA Youth eligibility first and then referring to the WIOA Adult program if eligibility is not met on the youth side.
- Member discussion- Area IV has strong business relationships and a solid assessment process.
- Discussed WIOA's focus on serving youth with disabilities.
- Best practice highlight- meeting youth at locations outside of center locations ensures better access for youth with barriers.

Discussion-Fourteen Required Elements (Council members):

- Discussion focused on WIOA's addition of four elements: financial literacy education; entrepreneurial literacy education; career awareness, career counseling, and career exploration services; preparation for and transition to post-secondary education and training
- Members discussed partnering/referring participants to New Ventures Maine for assistance with entrepreneurial literacy education. Other ideas include connection with

local businesses to offer WIOA Youth an opportunity to have an information interview or business mentor.

- WIOA staff in attendance feel confident with financial literacy. Connections have been made with programs like JMG's Opportunity Passport (Super Vitamin curriculum) and other local financial resources such as CASH.
- Career awareness, counseling and exploration are all areas currently implemented into WIOA Youth programming, as well as preparation for transition to post-secondary education.

Provider Updates:

Southern Coast (David Wurm):

- Relationships continue to strengthen with adult corrections.
- CCWI's new program, PREP, funded through a LEAP grant, is up and running at Cumberland County Jail. Some participants are expected to be co-enrolled in WIOA programming.
- The Maine Correctional Facility in Windham has also been referring inmates to programming- mostly resulting in WIOA referrals- as individuals approach release dates.
- Long Creek Youth co-enrolled in WIOA is working at Machino Lumber. The youth started as a work experience and moved into an OJT. WIOA is also helping with daycare costs, as the youth is a parent.

Waldo, Knox and Northern Lincoln (Sheila Muldoon):

- Sheila Muldoon co-facilitated and planned the fall Building Communities for Children annual meeting. The meeting was attended by several agencies in Waldo County that provide services to family members of all ages. Keynote speaker, Mary Marin Lyon from Literacy Volunteers, spoke on working with families that live in poverty.
- WIOA staff has been working with homeless youth from Penquis Cap.
- JMG referred students in Rockland that have graduated but not moved forward with post-secondary plans.
- Two co-enrolled WIOA Youth with Vocational Rehabilitation are participating in paid work experience.
- Several new work experiences this fall include a TV station in Rockport and a position with Computer Solutions.

Job Corps (Jill Moody):

No update- Job Corps unable to attend meeting

Other (Jaime Grover):

- Vote on new membership:
Rebecca Thompson, Classification Director, Long Creek Youth Development Center
Motion: Michelle Love
Second: Sheila Muldoon
All approved

Rebecca will be notified and alerted to the March meeting.

- Social Media Subcommittee held a workshop on November 19, 2015. The workshop focused on several social media topics including professional emails, Facebook etiquette and uses of sites like LinkedIn.

Performance Updates (Jaime Grover):

- Enrollments are slightly behind goal. Staff have plans to outreach to several partner agencies to increase enrollments during the upcoming quarter.

Next meeting:

March 2, 2016 @ 9:00 AM

Adjourned