

**WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETING**

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2022 – 12:30 PM – 2:00 PM

MINUTES

Attendees:

Members	Present
Shannon Shannon (Chair)	X
Ken Boshart	X
*Andre Bossieux	X
Phil Cothran	
*Shellie Dansby	X
Jimmy Elrod	X
Lowell King	
Dale Marsden	
*Tremaine Mitchell	X
Jonathan Weldy	X

Staff to WDB	Present
Devra Bell	X
Brad Gates	X
Mariann Johnson	X

**Public Members*

OPENING

- 1) **Chair called meeting to order** at 12:30 PM
- 2) **Pledge of Allegiance** – Shannon Shannon led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3) **Introductions** – The Board Secretary took roll call attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- 4) **Comments from the General Public in Attendance** - No public comment cards were presented.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 5) **Approve Minutes from October 12, 2022 Youth Committee Meeting**

The Chair requested a motion to approve the consent agenda. Tremaine Mitchell motioned; Jonathan Weldy seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion approved.

PRESENTATION

- 6) **Recognition of Outgoing Youth Provider: Career Institute**

The Chair congratulated Judy Takano at Career Institute for their 25 years of service as a Youth provider.

WORKSHOP:

- 7) **Victor Valley Transit Authority Microlink Transport Program**

The Chair introduced Chris Akerman, Marketing Manager from the Victor Valley Transit Authority (VVTA), who provided an overview of their agency and the areas they cover in the High Desert region. He reviewed the services available, which include: Fixed route bus service; ADA paratransit

service; service through the I-15 freeway; Vanpool; Brokerage Service; Lifeline service Needles, CA; Ft. Irwin commuter service; and Big River & Trona, CA Senior Center programs. Next, he discussed how the VVTA will operate Micro Link. There are 3 vans that hold 8 passengers each (including wheelchair accessibility and bicycle holders). The service is designed to assist passengers that live too far from a bus stop and Micro Link will pick them up from their location and take them to the nearest bus station. The price for each ride is \$4.00, which also pays for their bus ride, once they are dropped off at the nearest bus stop location. There are currently 3 zones established that cover the high desert area, with a 4th zone coming soon. Future marketing events will occur to bring this service to the attention of the community. The committee members discussed if this service could be used to take students to their job, which can be done if the job location is located within the zone where the ride was initiated. Mr. Akerman reported on the future expansion efforts they would like to initiate for this pilot program, so the hours and locations can be increased.

REPORTS AND INFORMATION

8) Review Youth Committee Goals

Mariann Johnson led the discussion and noted there are new Youth providers that started a month ago, replacing the 6 youth providers who transitioned out. The rollout of a Youth provider training with a new handbook. Updated MOU with Children and Family Services (CFS) to have an improved referral service with Foster Services. Any foster child who ages out will now be referred to us with their verification. Bradley Gates discussed a brand-new MOU created with child support services, which is non-financial. We will accept children who have parents who are not employed and cannot pay child support. Referrals will come to us directly from Child Support Services. We are working on a solution to connect with these children directly or through their case worker.

9) Youth Dashboard

Mariann Johnson reported on the current number which are not where we want them. She reviewed information showing demographics/services provided and Youth training services information. The information is provided on a monthly basis and can be found on the Workforce Development website, under "Youth" and then "Youth Dashboard".

10) County Report

Mariann Johnson provided the updates.

- Notice from EDD about new requirements (Stevens amendment) for all materials, which requires a federal funding disclosure. Website page is updated and active. We will update the funding when we get new or additional funding and will share with our providers.
- Grants: State, received Regional Equity Recovery Partnership grant (RERP) with community colleges. We have many projects through that \$1.2 million and we will be the lead. Contracts are being put into place and will start on 12/1/22.
- There will be a regional plan stakeholder meeting on 10/18 and they will be reviewing goals and suggestions. About 100 people signed up for the morning session and 50 for the afternoon sessions. Regional plan is due on 3/31/23. Will post for 30 days (beginning of Jan to beginning of Feb).
- The website refresh is now live. The information was standardized and has good information to share with businesses.
- Brad Gates and Curtis Compton are attending the Youth College and Career Fair with Supervisor Baca today.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair called for a motion to adjourn. Jimmy Elrod motioned; Andre Bossieux seconded the motion. None opposed; motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 1:54 PM

The next WDB Youth Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at 12:30 PM to be held at WDD Administration Office, 290 North D Street, 6th Floor, San Bernardino, CA 92415.



Devra Bell – WDB Secretary