

YOUTH SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD
3-12-08 Meeting Minutes (Not Approved)

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
<p>Call to Order Attendance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YSA Membership • Others: 	<p>Membership introductions for new attendees.</p>	<p>Meeting Called to Order: 3:39 p.m.</p> <p>Members Present: Ann Adams, Jim Connor, Jim Davis, Gail Gotham, Thomas A. Nichols, Sarah Paddock, Karen Richmond, Bill Serafin, Patrick J. Turbett, Joanne Sevick, David Valois, Dianne Wilby</p> <p>New Attendees:</p>
<p>Minute Approval – 2-13-08 Minutes</p>		<p>Motion to Approve: Bill Serafin</p> <p>Second: Jim Davis</p>
<p>Summer Youth Employment Discussion / Q&A</p>	<p>Jim Connor stated that the 2008 Summer Youth Employment Opportunity applications are out in the schools and the community. Out of school youth can pick up applications at the One Stop Career Center. Jim Connor handed out slot/crew position request forms in case any agencies were interested.</p> <p>Gail Gotham asked Jim Connor if there were certain eligibilities for youth employment. There are eligibility guidelines. Jim Connor went over what some of the guidelines are and explained that once the counselors receive the applications they go over them to determine if youth are eligible.</p> <p>Ann Adams stated that all of the school guidance offices have the application packets.</p> <p>Sarah Paddock mentioned that not all referrals from the Summer Youth Program come directly from the schools. Mental Health Programs also do referrals. The Summer Youth Program has been great for some of the youth they serve. Sarah states that they notice that the youth that work for the summer program benefit from it in many ways. A</p>	

	<p>notice that the youth that work for the summer program benefit from it in many ways. A few of the ways they benefit are they learn some skills, work ethics, it motivates them, and they earn some money. A lot of youth save their money so they can go buy things like new school clothes or other items or they do other things they would not have had the opportunity to do if they did not have a summer job.</p> <p>Patrick Turbett understands that the youth programs have been shrinking and he understand that WIA monies have been decreasing.</p> <p>Jim Connor stated that there is an anticipated loss of approximately \$233,150 in WIA funds this year. Approximately \$85,000 is the loss for youth programs.</p> <p>Jim Davis stated that there is no proposed cut for the TANF monies this year.</p> <p>Patrick Turbett stated some funds come with earmarks for certain programs and some do not.</p> <p>WIA monies are for adult dislocated workers and youth. WIA monies can be used for in school and out of school youth. Cuts are based on formula.</p> <p>Some of the youth dollars are used to support staff for youth programming at the One Stop Career Center and this is not mandated. The One Stop Career Center helps those youth who are mature enough and are really work ready, it does not help those youth who are not at that level yet. This really should be a developmental piece for at-risk youth. Ex. drop-outs, pregnant youth, etc.</p> <p>Patrick Turbett asked the question of what should be done to bring the Youth Service Programs back in line?</p> <p>Jim Connor stated that the WIA and TANF monies should be looked at to see how the money is being utilized.</p> <p>Jim Connor stated that he feels that as of recently Office of Economic Development (OED) is listening regarding Youth Services.</p> <p>Jim Davis stated that there are certain groups of youth they target as priority as far as the TANF funding is concerned. Once those target populations the Department of Social</p>	
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	<p>Services wishes to reach have been served the Department of Social Services has in the past left it up to Office of Economic Development (OED) to decide what other youth or youth service programs would be served with the remaining TANF funds. The Department of Social Services priority youth are: Foster Care Youth, Cash Public Assistance Youth, and then any other kind of Public Assistance youth.</p> <p>The question was raised as to whether or not youth funding should be used for things that don't directly have to do with Youth Development like admin costs. It appears that more money is being used for admin cost and overhead which means less youth would be served. Another question was raised, which was what at what level would you like to see Youth Programming if it was at all possible?</p> <p>It would be great to see the Summer Youth Program able to serve up to or over 300 youth as it had in the past. Another suggestion that was made was possibly having a year round program.</p> <p>Gail Gotham stated that the # 1 goal for all the programs and service providers is that youth stay in school or go back to school. She feels that the more providers that work together to get a better outcome for youth the better.</p> <p>An idea that was suggested was that a resource book or a website be created to help communicate what providers and services are out there that help at-risk youth. It was also suggested that the providers have an annual meeting as well.</p> <p>Ann Adams stated that the Superintendents from the schools meet every 2 weeks and if there is any information that people would like passed along to the schools this would be a good place to pass along the information.</p> <p>Ann Adams also stated that she would like to see programs for at-risk youth start at a much younger age rather than when they are teenagers. She feels there is a real need to start sooner rather than later.</p> <p>To summarize the discussion regarding Summer Youth Employment. Funding is shrinking and infrastructure cost is rising causing less youth to be served.</p>	
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Program Update(s)		Tabled until the next meeting.
Failed Resolution	<p>The Youth Service Advisory Board was formed to make recommendations regarding Youth Programming be it S.T.A.R., WINGS, YAP/YES, or any other programs.</p> <p>The Youth Service Advisory Board put in a resolution recommending that the funding for at-risk youth commitment from the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators continue for the 2008-2009 school year. This resolution failed to go through.</p> <p>Jim Davis wanted clarification as to whether this meant the rest of 2008 part of the 2007-2008 school year or for the 2008-2009 school year.</p> <p>It was explained by the Board of Legislators present that what this meant was that the funding 2007-2008 school year monies would be finished out but that no money would be contributed from the Board of Legislators for the 2008-2009 school year.</p> <p>A number of the Board of Legislators felt that many of the schools were not taking advantage of using the monies that were earmarked for at-risk youth services. Also some of the Board of Legislators also felt that they should not be in the business of funding at-risk youth services in the schools that the schools should be responsible for paying for these programs.</p> <p>Karen Richmond (WINGS) asked if the Board of Legislators would be open if organizations came individually to request help or funding to help programs that would be run in St. Lawrence County for at-risk youth.</p> <p>The Board of Legislators would more than likely be open to that but this is a question that should be brought to all of the Board of Legislators.</p> <p>Jim Davis asked if the Department of Social Services would be able to recommend a program to the Board of Legislators individually if they felt it was a good program.</p> <p>They should bring this to the Board of Legislators.</p> <p>Another question that was brought up was if a program takes advantage of the COPS money and the schools come up with the remainder of the money to run the program would that be okay?</p>	

	<p>Tom Nichols stated that if the program was not asking the Board of Legislators for money he did not see why they would the Board of Legislators would have a problem with that.</p> <p>Dianne Wilby stated that they do that now, they have contracts with providers who provide a service and they don't cost the Board of Legislators anything.</p> <p>Patrick Turbett stated that some programs may be looking at the Board of Legislators to set a certain amount of money aside for at-risk youth programs.</p> <p>Tom Nichols sated that just because this resolution failed it does not mean that the Board of Legislators have closed the door on youth programming it just means they are not willing to commit the \$125,000 to at-risk youth programs. Mr. Nichols suggests that people look at the Board of Legislators Board Meeting minutes in regards to this failed resolution.</p>	
New Business TN Finance Review Request		
AGENDA ITEM	DISCSSION	ACTION
Next Meeting		May 14, 2008 @ 3:30 p.m.
Canceled Meeting April 9, 2008		
Meeting Adjourned		4:58 p.m.

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