

# **WORKFORCE INVESTMENT SAN FRANCISCO**

Local Workforce Investment Board for the City and County of San Francisco

## MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 19, 2014 MEETING OF THE YOUTH COUNCIL OF THE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT SAN FRANCISCO (WISF) BOARD AT ONE SOUTH VAN NESS, 5<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR

### **Youth Council Members Present**

Steve Arcelona, Human Services Agency	Allen Lu, San Francisco Youth Commission
Patricia Barahona, Youth Leadership Institute	Allison Magee, Zellerbach Family Foundation
Torrance Bynum, City College of San Francisco	Jose-Luis Mejia, TAY-SF
Krista Vendetti (for Jennifer Cha), Treasure Island Job Corps	Katherine (Katy) Miller, City & County of San Francisco, District Attorney's Office
Brian Cheu, City & County of San Francisco, Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development	Eric Sloane (for Marc Spencer), Juma Ventures
Brandan Chic, Youth Representative	Maria Su, Department of Children, Youth and their Families
Pooja Deopura, Salesforce.com	Angel VanStark, Youth Representative
Kristy Delgado (for Jessica Fort), San Francisco Adult Probation Department	Donald Woodson, University of California at San Francisco Early Academic Outreach Program
	Sharon Zimmern, San Francisco Unified School District
	Rhonda Simmons (Non-voting Member), City & County of San Francisco, Office of Economic and Workforce Development

### **Youth Council Members Absent**

David Johnson, Plasterers' and Cement Masons' Local 300	Linda Martin-Mason, San Francisco Housing Authority
John Knox, San Francisco Juvenile Probation Department	Hydra Mendoza, City & County of San Francisco, Mayor's Office
	Ciara Wade, New Door Ventures

### **Staff & Noteables**

Greg Asay, Principal Workforce Analyst	John Halpin, Director of Program Operations
Emylene Aspillá, Director of Strategic Initiatives	Thomas Myers, Deputy Director of Workforce Development
Marissa Bloom, Executive Assistant	Dae Son, Workforce Development Specialist

**Public**

(As Evidenced by the Sign-In Sheet)

Chris Adame, Swords to Plowshares  
Jeff Bostic, San Francisco Conservation Corps  
Diva Conrad, City College of San Francisco

Luz Guevara, Goodwill Industries  
Kevin Hickey, Jewish Vocational Service  
Dorick Scarpelli, 5 Keys Charter School  
Luisa Sicairos, My Path  
Aida Villagracia, (illegible)

**Roll Call**

Pooja Deopura, Youth Council Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:08 P.M. She introduced herself as the new Chair and invited members to introduce themselves.

**Adoption of the Agenda**

*(Action Item)*

On motion by Steve Arcelona, seconded and carried, the meeting agenda was adopted.

**Approval of Minutes from November 6, 2013**

*(Action Item)*

On motion by Katy Miller, seconded and carried, the November 6, 2013 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

**Director's Report**

*(Discussion Item)*

Rhonda Simmons, Director of Workforce Development, welcomed new members and acknowledged the following exiting Youth Council members for their service:

- **Jose-Luis Mejia, TAY-SF**
- **Ciara Wade, New Door Ventures**
- **Marc Spencer, Juma Ventures**

Ms. Simmons went on to share highlights across OEWD's four key sectors. She also shared some of the challenges that the department continues to face in meeting the needs of jobseekers with middle-skills and those with the highest barriers to employment. Ms. Simmons then announced some of the high-profile development projects that the department is engaged in.

Ms. Simmons called for questions. Hearing none, she welcomed John Halpin to present on OEWD's Youth Workforce Programs.

**Presentation: OEWD Youth Workforce Programs**

*(Discussion Item)*

John Halpin, OEWD, presented on OEWD's Young Adult Programs. The presentation covered the organizations that are funded under each of the four (4) young adult program areas, the outcomes from the 13-14 program year, performance goals for the 14-15 program year, and the demographic profile of the clients served by OEWD Young Adult programs.

Discussion followed.

Pooja Deopura asked if the audience had any questions.

Terri Feeley asked whether OEWD has tracked graduates from youth programs to see if they have moved on to complete sector programs. Mr. Halpin answered that the number is not high. Ms. Feeley suggested that OEWD consider incentivizing transition into the academies. She went on to ask whether there are other measures (certificates, credentials or otherwise) that could be included as

successful outcomes. Mr. Halpin mentioned OSHA, Hazwoper, and other industry-recognized certifications.

An unidentified audience member asked what the process is to become a RAMP provider. Ms. Simmons answered that the funds are almost always released through a Request for Proposals (RFP) process.

**Presentation: Workforce  
Innovation and Opportunity Act**  
*(Discussion Item)*

Greg Asay, OEWD, presented on the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), which supersedes the Workforce Investment Act (WIA). He shared a general overview of the programs authorized under WIOA, the notable changes to current law for youth and adult categories, how programs will be funded, and the timeline for implementation.  
Discussion followed.

**Presentation: “Children and  
Families First” Ballot Measure**  
*(Discussion Item)*

Maria Su, Department of Children, Youth and their Families, presented on the Children and Families First Initiative. She highlighted how funding would be split, how the Oversight Advisory Committee would work in conjunction with existing entities, and how services would be procured.

Discussion followed.

**Member Announcements**  
*(Discussion Item)*

Jose-Luis Mejia announced that TAY-SF would continue to act as a resource to the Youth Council to connect with transitional aged youth.

Steve Arcelona announced that open enrollment for healthcare runs through February 2015, and that members were encouraged to get the word out to their constituents. He shared the following resource line: 855-355-5757.

**Public Comment\***  
*(Discussion Item)*

Pooja Deopura called for public comment.

Hearing no comments, Pooja Deopura concluded public comment.

**Adjournment**  
*(Action Item)*

Pooja Deopura called for a motion to adjourn. Steve Arcelona made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 5:56 P.M.