

# WORKFORCE INVESTMENT SAN FRANCISCO

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

## MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 2, 2015 MEETING OF THE YOUTH COUNCIL OF THE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT SAN FRANCISCO (WISF) BOARD AT ONE SOUTH VAN NESS, 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR ATRIUM

### Youth Council Members Present

Allison Magee, Zellerbach Family  
Foundation  
David Johnson, Plasterers' and  
Cement Masons' Local 300  
Erik Rice, San Francisco Unified  
School District  
Hydra Mendoza, City & County of  
San Francisco, Mayor's Office  
John Knox, San Francisco Juvenile  
Probation Department

Krista Vendetti (for Jennifer Cha), Treasure Island  
Job Corps  
Luis Aroche, City & County of San Francisco,  
District Attorney's Office (for Katy Miller)  
Maria Su, Department of Children, Youth and their  
Families  
Noelle Simmons, Human Services Agency  
Pooja Deopura, Salesforce.com  
Patricia Barahona, Youth Leadership Institute

### Youth Council Members Absent

Allen Lu, San Francisco Youth  
Commission  
Angel VanStark, Youth  
Representative  
Brandan Chic, Youth Representative  
Brian Cheu, City & County of San  
Francisco, Mayor's Office of  
Housing and Community  
Development Jessica Fort, San  
Francisco Adult Probation  
Department

Donald Woodson, University of California at San  
Francisco Early Academic Outreach Program  
Linda Martin-Mason, San Francisco Housing  
Authority  
Torrance Bynum, City College of San Francisco

### Staff & Noteables

Armina Brown, Executive Assistant  
Dae Son, Workforce Development  
Specialist  
David Taylor, Workforce  
Development Specialist  
Greg Asay, Strategic Initiatives  
Director

Jeff Mori, Special Assistant to Workforce Director  
Jenelle Mitchell, Staff Assistant  
John Halpin, Director of Program Operations  
Michael Carr, Director of Workforce Development

### Public

(As Evidenced by the Sign-  
In Sheet)

David Do, ALL in SF  
Dorick Scarpelli, Five Keys Charter  
School  
Glenn Eagleson, Department of  
Children, Youth and their Families

Kevin Hickey, Jewish Vocational Service  
Roger Hernandez, Mission Hiring Hall

**Welcome and  
Introductions**  
*(Discussion Item)*

Pooja Deopura, Youth Council Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:10 P.M. She invited members to introduce themselves.

**Adoption of the Agenda**  
*(Action Item)*

On motion by Noelle Simmons, seconded and carried, the meeting agenda was adopted.

**Adoption of Minutes from  
February 25, 2015**  
*(Action Item)*

On motion by Erik Rice, seconded and carried, the February 25, 2015 Youth Council meeting minutes were unanimously adopted.

**Director's Report**  
*(Discussion Item)*

Ms. Deopura welcomed and introduced the Director of Workforce, Michael Carr.

Mr. Carr stated how glad he was to be part of the Workforce team and looked forward to learning and collaborating with all involved with the youth work being done in San Francisco.

**WIOA Update**

Greg Asay gave the Council an update on the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), the new federal employment and training program that replaced the Workforce Investment Act (WIA). Mr. Asay stated that OEWD has implemented the youth workforce program and eligibility provisions that took effect on July 1, 2015. There will be additional WIOA provisions, including those related to performance outcomes, which will take effect on July 1, 2016. In addition, it is expected that the federal government will release its WIOA regulations in January 2016.

**CCPT Update**

John Halpin gave the council an update on the California Career Pathways Trust (CCPT), which was first presented to the Council at its February 25, 2015 meeting.

The goal of the CCPT is to build robust partnerships between employers, schools, and community colleges to better prepare students for the 21<sup>st</sup> century workplace and to improve the transition into postsecondary education, training, and employment. Specifically, the funding supports 2-year CTE opportunities that integrate academic and career-based training that aligns with current industry needs and results in a postsecondary degree or certification in a high-skill, high-wage, high-growth field.

Mr. Halpin informed the Council that City College San Francisco (CCSF), San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD), and the Office of Economic Development (OEWD) make up CCPT's San Francisco Consortium. The grant is for \$6M over 2 years. The goals for CCPT are to build partnerships between employers, schools, and community colleges to help prepare students for the 21<sup>st</sup> century workplace and also improve transition into post-secondary education.

**Driver's License Suspensions**

Mr. Asay (OEWD) presented to the Council on "Driver's License Suspensions as a Workforce Barrier." Mr. Asay presented statistics on how jobseekers are adversely affected by not having their driver's license due to suspensions. Mr. Asay also pointed out

that most suspensions were due to non-driving issues and mostly had to do with failure to appear in court and failure to pay tickets. Mostly low-income people have not been able to pay these fines, thus making their path to employment that much harder.

Mr. Asay also informed the council on Governor Jerry Brown's drivers' license amnesty program and steps needed to prepare affected drivers for the program. Some of the steps include getting client data, collaborating with San Francisco Superior Court, setting up webinars to inform the public and service providers of the amnesty program, and a partnering with a City working group to come with ways to get funding to assist violators to pay fines. Discussion followed.

Ms. Hydra Mendoza inquired and was informed that not showing for court appearances and inability to pay are at the highest infractions.

Mr. Jeffrey Mori informed the council that those with DUI's were not eligible for the amnesty program. Ms. Allison Magee stated the need to re-instate drivers' education back in the schools. Mr. John Knox stated that he would inquire if data was available thru the juvenile legal system.

**Presentation: OEWD  
Youth Workforce Program  
Update**  
*(Discussion Item)*

Ms. Deopura welcomed John Halpin to present on OEWD's youth workforce program services and outcomes. Mr. Halpin shared year-end 2014-15 performance data on OEWD's youth portfolio. Highlights included OEWD's \$2.5 million investment in young adult services, and San Francisco's improvement in three State youth Common Measures (youth entering employment, attaining a degree or industry recognized certificate, and increasing basic literacy and numeracy scores).

Discussion followed.

Mr. Luis Aroche inquired if young adult services were accessible in most disadvantaged neighborhoods and was informed they were. Mr. Knox inquired about those youth who dropout of services and Mr. Carr informed him that that was something the newly established Alignment Committee was committed to tracking. Ms. Vendetti offered that Treasure Island Job Corps does literacy/numeracy testing and would be willing to share best practices for score increases. Ms. Simmons offered that Human Services Agency would like to explore ways that services offered by HSA can be included as part of our (OEWD and the council's) young adult services.

**Youth Workforce Service  
Mapping**  
*(Discussion Item)*

Ms. Deopura called on Greg Asay to present on an opportunity for council members to be part of mapping San Francisco's youth workforce system, initially brought up at the February 25<sup>th</sup> meeting. The goal would be for the mapping group to bring information to the Council and then identify projects members of the Council can work on or be in support of. He invited members to continue think about ways to better utilize and leverage the expertise of the existing Youth Council and workforce system stakeholders.

Discussion followed. Ms. Mendoza was in support of council members being part of the mapping exercise. Suggestions included the development of a universal application that can be used by all City departments, identify and establish common young adult services goals throughout City departments, and to keep navigation of the youth workforce system simple and to include technology where feasible.

SFUSD, DCYF, DA Victim Services, Juvenile Probation, PUC and OEWD were all identified as being on the initial mapping committee. Mr. Asay will come back at a future meeting with next steps.

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

Ms. Deopura announced that Youth Council members were invited to attend Salesforce's Dreamforce conference and can get a complimentary ticket. Mr. Aroche announced that the District Attorney's office is hiring. Ms. Mendoza informed the council of the establishment of SFUSD's "Our Children, Our Families," which will provide data and information on SF families.

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

Ms. Deopura called for public comment. Hearing none, Ms. Deopura concluded public comment.

**Adjournment**  
*(Action Item)*

Ms. Deopura called for a motion to adjourn. Allison Magee made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 P.M.