



**SOUTH FLORIDA WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD**

**YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING**

**Thursday, August 19, 2010**

**8:00 A.M.**

Doubletree Miami Mart/Airport Hotel and Exhibition Center  
711 NW 72<sup>nd</sup> Avenue  
Salon A  
Miami, Florida 33126

**AGENDA**

1. Call to Order and Introductions
2. Approval of Youth Council Meeting Minutes
  - A. June 17, 2010
3. Information – 2009 MDCPS ARRA Summer Youth Employment Program Update
4. Information – 2010 ARRA Summer Youth Employment Program Status Report
5. Recommendation as to the Approval of a WIA Waiver Request

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**SFWIB - Youth Council**

*August 19, 2010*

**Minutes of SFWIB Youth Council Meeting, June 17, 2010**

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<b>YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>OTHER ATTENDEES</b>	
1. Brown, Clarence 2. Brown, Willie J. 3. Dr. Jennings, Donna 4. Scott, Kenneth 5. West, Alvin	Alcalde, Theresa - <i>Greater Miami Service Corps (GMSC)</i> Barrereiro, Eddie - <i>Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS)</i> Castillo, Alicia - <i>AMO</i> Cepedes, Margarita - <i>UNIDAD</i> Clark, R - <i>Greater Miami Service Corps (GMSC)</i> Dorsette, Deborah - <i>Greater Miami Service Corps (GMSC)</i> Farinas, Irene - <i>AMO</i> Fornem, Milagros - <i>Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS)</i> Hernandez, Ana – <i>AMO</i> Latus, Melissa - <i>Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS)</i> Marti, Sergio – <i>Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS)</i>	Milian, Dalia - <i>COH</i> Oller, Virama – <i>Transition, Inc.</i> Rosario, Ed – <i>Job Corps</i> Sheffield, Chianta - <i>AMO</i> Shirley, Rhoda O. - <i>Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS)</i>
<b>Youth Council Members Not in Attendance</b>  6. Giles, Regina (Chair) 7. Ferradaz, Gilda (Vice-Chair) 8. Rodriguez-Roig, Alex 9. Talbert, Gregg		Someillan, Ana – <i>AMO</i> Snipes, Mary - <i>Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS)</i> St. Ford, Shirrey - <i>Greater Miami Service Corps (GMSC)</i> Tharpe, Towanda – <i>Greater Miami Service Corps (GMSC)</i>
<b>SFWIB STAFF</b>  Kavehershi, Cheri Morgan, Myria		Thompson, Tasha - <i>AMO</i> Townsend, Alice – <i>Transition, Inc.</i> Velez, Paulina – <i>Youth Co-Op, Inc</i>

Note: Agenda items are listed in the order in which they were discussed.

**1. Call to Order and Introductions**

Mr. Alvin West called the meeting to order.

**2. Approval of Youth Council Meeting Minutes for February 18, 2010**

Dr. Jennings moved the approval of the minutes and motion was seconded by Mr. Willie Brown;  
Motion Passed.

**3. Discussion – Performance Update**

Ms. Myria Morgan, SFWIB Youth Programs Manager presented the item and went over the WIA Youth Service Providers Performance Table for July 21, 2009 thru June 4, 2010. She mentioned the following:

- Transition, Inc has improved in 3 of the 4 performance standard areas

- UNIDAD of Miami Beach was performing at 100% levels but dropped to below standards in 3 of the 4 areas
- Greater Miami Services Corp.(GMSC) was performing within standards, however, for the last two months GMSC has fallen below performance standards in 2 of the 4 areas
- The low areas need to be corrected by June 30<sup>th</sup>

Deborah Dorsette, Director of Greater Miami Services Corp. stood up and spoke on behalf of GMSC.

Ms. Morgan mentioned that further research will be conducted to make sure data was entered in the system correctly.

Ms. Morgan went on to explain the reasons for the low percentage in the first column of the table.

Mr. West inquired about the tracking process. Ms. Morgan responded that it's being tracked by the providers.

Both Dr. Jennings and Mr. West had concerns regarding the youth providers and the amount of youths that were exited. Ms. Morgan further explained the reason for the low exits. She mentioned that this has been ongoing for the past two years and presently, the providers are trying to locate the youths but have been unsuccessful.

Mr. West inquired further about the youth providers. He wanted to know how would it impact the dollars received and what can be done to help improve the low percentages in order to prevent it from reoccurring again. Ms. Morgan responded she doesn't believe that it will greatly impact funding as SFW is expected to receive an increase in funding for youth for the next program year of July 1, 2010. She also said that staff will review the percentages again and work with the providers to provide additional training.

Ms. Morgan further mentioned that if the youths are exited from the system will it impact the overall performance for the next program year.

Mr. Rodriguez asked, "At what point do we put a stop to the research and ongoing attempts to contact the youths and begin providing opportunity to others?"

Dr. Jennings suggested taking a hit on exits, but offer an explanation in the reports and move forward.

Mr. Rodriguez requested to put a motion that providers will only be allowed to contact the youths a maximum of 4 times prior to exiting them out of the system.

Mr. Willy Brown suggested a maximum of one year

Dr. Jennings reiterated her suggestion to take the hit, but Mr. Beasley said taking a hit may also impact the State's performance

Dr. Jennings further suggested that we get the States recommendation.

Mr. Rodriguez asked to amend his motion. He's asking that staff research this and come back with recommendations including the State's recommendation.

#### **4. Recommendation as to Approval to Renew Contracts of Existing Youth Services Provider**

Ms. Morgan presented the item and mentioned the following providers that are recommended for continuation to deliver youth services for an additional program year:

1. Achieve Through Education Inc. (formerly known as AMO)
2. City of Hialeah
3. Cuban American National Council, Inc.
4. Greater Miami Service Corps.

5. UNIDAD of Miami Beach, Inc.
6. Transition, Inc.
7. Youth Co-op, Inc.

Mr. Clarence Brown moved the item and it was seconded by Mr. Willie Brown; Motion Passed.

**5. Discussion – MDCPS ARRA 2009 Summer Youth Employment Program Update**

Ms. Morgan also presented this last item and mentioned the following:

- a. SFWIB staff met with Miami-Dade County Public School (M-DCPS) on November 18, 2009 to discuss a report pertinent to the 2009 ARRA Summer Youth Employment Program.
- b. M-DCPS submitted a second response on April 29, 2010 requesting \$527,021 for staff cost incurred as a result of deficiencies in the operation of the Summer Youth Employment Program and the elimination of \$116, 847.60 in disallowances.
- c. Both requests were presented at the Executive Committee meeting on May, 6, 2010 for the Committee's feedback. However, the Committee recommended that it be brought back to the Youth Council and welcome staff from M-DCPS staff to attend the meeting in order to assist with the final decision.

Dr. Fernell, Associate Superintendent along with Dr. Shirley, Executive Director of M-DCPS were present to address their request for the budget modification.

Mr. Rodriguez asked what was the initial budget and Mr. Beasley responded \$6 million plus a total of \$3 million that was left available (\$2.5 actual allocated for youth) the remainder is left just in case the Board chooses to pay M-DCPS.

Mr. West moved to award the \$527,000 M-DCPS and Mr. Scott seconded. Further discussion:

Mr. Clarence Brown inquired about the cost being reasonable. He wanted to know did we look at the expense to confirm that it's reasonable. Mr. Beasley responded that if it passed the budget, it is reasonable. It was an initial budget that was sent to Finance which Finance Committee approved.

Mr. Clarence Brown further asked if the \$527,000 was incurred from paying overtime. Mr. Beasley answered that it was not solely spent on overtime.

Mr. Rodriguez asked how many youth were actually employed and the response was 2,700.

All were in favor with no opposition; Motion Passed

Mr. West asked that staff monitor and provide a progress report to avoid the same issue from reoccurring in the future.

Meeting Adjourned



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**SFWIB - Youth Council**

***June 17, 2010***

**2009 MDCPS ARRA Summer Youth  
Employment Program Update**

**Information Item**

**BACKGROUND**

In an April 29, 2010, letter to SFWIB, MDCPS requested \$527,021 for staff costs incurred as a result of deficiencies in the operation of the Summer Youth Employment Program and the elimination of \$116,847.60 in disallowances based on the pre-assessment review. Both of those requests were presented to the Executive Committee at its May 6, 2010 meeting for the Committee's input. With regard to the staff costs request, the Executive Committee determined that that issue be brought for the Youth Council's consideration at the Council's June 17, 2010 meeting. The Executive Committee noted that MDCPS staff is welcome to attend that meeting to assist the Youth Council in its decision-making process. With regard to the disallowance issue, the Executive Committee, in accord with staff feedback, determined that SFWIB does not have the liberty to eliminate the disallowed costs as it would be inconsistent with federal and state law.

Hence, MDCPS' \$527,021 staff costs request was presented to the Youth Council on June 17, 2010. Representatives from MDCPS attended the meeting and voiced their opinions concerning the operation of the 2009 ARRA Summer Youth Program. It was the consensus of the Youth Council to grant MDCPS' request. SFWIB staff is in the process of finalizing the issuance of payment to MDCPS.



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**SFWIB – Youth Council**

*June 17, 2010*

**2010 ARRA Summer Youth Employment  
Program Status Report**

**Information Item**

**BACKGROUND**

SFWIB staff will provide information on the status of the 2010 ARRA Summer Youth Employment Program.



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**SFWIB – Youth Council**

***June 17, 2010***

**Approval of a WIA Waiver Request**

**RECOMMENDATION**

SFWIB staff recommends that the Youth Council recommend to the Board the approval of a WIA Waiver Request for a summer stand-alone youth employment program.

**BACKGROUND**

Currently, the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) requires Local Boards to offer summer employment opportunities for youth as one of the ten required program elements listed in WIA section 129(c)(2) and section 664.420 of the Federal Register, Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, WIA Final Rules. The summer program is a part of the menu of services offered to youth year-round. Under WIA's predecessor (the Job Training Partnership Act), a stand-alone summer youth employment and training program was a separately funded activity. SFWIB's proposed waiver request is not intended to replace the year-round program; the request is for a summer stand-alone component to the year-round services requirement.

A stand-alone summer program is more beneficial to the needs of youth in Region 23, particularly older youth (ages 18-21). Focusing on a summer stand-alone program allows Region 23 to maximize the application of youth dollars to a greater number of participants, reducing idleness and recidivism during the summer months when the majority of youth are out of school. Moreover, a summer stand-alone program reduces staff costs, placing the emphasis on participant costs. Lastly, note that there is no explicit language in the WIA that precludes Local Boards from implementing a summer stand-alone program.

There are several disadvantages to offering a summer program as one element of youth year-round services. The most noticeable disadvantages are: less youth served because resources are expended year-round and increased staff costs due to year-round follow-up services.

Accordingly, staff is recommending that the Youth Council recommend to the Board the approval for Region 23 to submit a WIA Waiver Request to the State for a stand-alone summer youth employment program.