



**SOUTH FLORIDA WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD**

**YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING**

**Thursday, December 16, 2010**

**8:00 A.M.**

Miami Dade College West Campus  
3800 NW 115<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Miami, Florida

**AGENDA**

1. Call to Order and Introductions
2. Approval of Youth Council Meeting Minutes
  - A. October 21, 2010
3. Information – Workforce Professional Champion Award Nomination
4. Information – 2010 ARRA Summer Youth Employment Program Presentation
5. Information – Update on Request for Proposals for Juvenile Justice Involved Youth



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**SFWIB - Youth Council**

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**Minutes of SFWIB Youth Council Meeting,  
October 21, 2010**

South Florida Workforce Investment Board  
 Youth Council Meeting  
 October 21 at 8:00 A.M.  
 Doubletree Miami Mart/Airport Hotel & Exhibition Center  
 711 NW 72<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Salon A  
 Miami, FL 33126

<b>YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>OTHER ATTENDEES</b>	
1. Ferradaz, Gilda (Vice-Chair) 2. Brown, Clarence 3. Brown, Willie J. 4. Jennings, Donna 5. Talbert, Gregg 6. Walker, Wanda 7. West, Alvin	Acedo, Maleidy - <i>Youth Co-Op</i> Cambronne, Robert - <i>Youth Co-Op</i> Cardenes, Rosa – <i>City of Miami Gardens</i> Castillo, Alicia - <i>AMO</i> Clark, Robert - <i>Greater Miami Service Corps (GMSC)</i> Dorsette, Deborah - <i>Greater Miami Service Corps (GMSC)</i> Farinas, Irene - <i>AMO</i> Gilbert, Oliz – <i>City of Miami Gardens</i> Heit, David - <i>Youth Co-Op</i> Hernandez, Ana – <i>AMO</i> Kos, Claudia - <i>Youth Co-Op</i> Jordan, Sharon – <i>Transition, Inc.</i> Marti, Sergio – <i>Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS)</i> Martin, Rose – <i>Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS)</i> Oller, Virama - <i>Transition</i> Porro, William – <i>City of Miami</i>	Rodriguez, Maria - <i>Youth Co-Op</i> Rosario, Ed – <i>Job Corps</i> Someillan, Ana – <i>AMO</i> St. Ford, Shirrey - <i>Greater Miami Service Corps (GMSC)</i> Tharpe, Towanda – <i>Greater Miami Service Corps (GMSC)</i> Townsend, Alice – <i>Transition, Inc.</i> Velez, Paulina – <i>Youth Co-Op, Inc</i>
<b>Youth Council Members Not in Attendance</b>		
8. Rodriguez-Roig, Alex 9. Scott, Kenneth		
<b>SFWIB STAFF</b>		
Morgan, Myria		

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

**1. Call to Order and Introductions**

Ms. Gilda Ferradaz, Council Vice-Chair called the meeting to order and asked the members present to introduce themselves.

**2. Approval of Youth Council Meeting Minutes for August 19, 2010**

Mr. Clarence Brown moved the approval of the minutes and motion was seconded by Mr. Willie Brown; Minutes Passed.

**3. Information –M-DCPS: Career and Technical Education (CTE)**

Ms. Myria Morgan, SFWIB Youth Programs Manager presented the item and introduced Dr. Rose Martin with Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) who further presented on the partnership with South Florida Workforce and M-DCPS Career and Technical Education Programs.

Ms. Ferradaz inquired about the level of participation of students needing remedial as well as the success rates of students passing the exams. Dr. Martin responded that since this will be the first year, the data will not be available until the following year.

Mr. West inquired about the dropout rate for students that start college taking remedial courses. Dr. Martin responded 54%. She also mentioned that students who are not required to take the CPT would begin taking college credit courses upon their first year in college. Mr. West also asked if M-DCPS will begin marketing this initiative to high school students Dr. Martin responded yes, they will market to students as young as middle school age so that they will begin taking technical education courses as early as the ninth grade.

#### **4. Information – 2010 ARRA Summer Youth Employment Program Status Report**

Ms. Morgan presented the item and went over the 2010 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Summer Youth Employment Program. She first recognized the providers that sponsored the stimulus program as she said it was a great success and mentioned the following support report outcome:

- 1328 youths were employed for the summer;
- 286 youths were background screened; 69 failed back ground screening and 66 were placed on jobs;
- 1306 youths completed the performance goals work readiness skills pre and post test; 1287 youths began employment;
- 1088 At Risk Youths entered the summer program; and
- 37 youths were transferred to the Year-Round program and 40 received employment

Mr. West asked for feedback and comments from the providers. Someone from the audience suggested that the planning should begin as early as April next year to avoid delays. Ms. Morgan responded that it may be possible if there aren't any stimulus dollars.

Mr. West inquired about the amount of funds received from the stimulus program last year. Ms Morgan responded that she wasn't too sure but believes it was close to \$3 million dollars with a program end date of June 2011.

#### **5. Information – WIA Youth Program Performance Report**

Ms. Morgan presented the item and went over the Youth Partner's Performance Table showing the first quarter from July 1, 2010 to September 30, 2010. She commended the providers for performing above the required measures by the State and mentioned the following:

- Youth Skill Attainment Performance Measure: State's minimum standard - 80%; Regional Performance met 83%
- Younger Youth Outcome Performance Measure: State's minimum standard - 90%; Regional Performance met 100%
- In School Youth Outcome Performance Measure: State's minimum standard - 90%; Regional Performance met 100%

- Out of School Youth Outcome Performance Measure: State's minimum standard - 90%; Regional Performance met 100%

**6. Information – Waiver Request for Summer Employment Program Update**

Ms. Morgan presented the item. She mentioned that SFW submitted the WIA Waiver Request to the State. They have received the request and it's currently in reviewing stage. SFW will inform the Council once an update has been received from the State.

Dr. Jennings asked about the turnaround time for the State to respond. Ms. Morgan responded that she's not too sure but she believes the process takes awhile.

**7. Recommendation a to Approval to Authorize Staff to Release a RFP to Provide Youth Services to the Juvenile Justice System Population**

Ms. Morgan presented the item.

Mr. West inquired about the funding and Ms. Morgan responded that the funding will come from the Workforce Investment Act (WIA). She also mentioned that the RFP will be for the year round program and she expect the program to begin as early as January 1, 2011 with an end date of June 30th and with the possibility of extending to the next program year (2012). Mr. West suggested that it would be feasible to have it for 18 months instead of 6 months.

Dr. Jennings also agreed and asked can the Youth Council recommend an 18 month period rather than a 6 month. Ms. Morgan responded, "Yes." Mr. West also suggested that there be provisions in the agreement regarding providers meeting performance.

Mr. West inquired about the provider's qualification, as he wanted to know if there are current agencies that specialize in dealing with at risk Juveniles. Ms. Morgan responded that Transition, Inc. is the one current agency under SFW that works with the Juvenile Justice and has been the only agency that receives funding specifically for at risk juvenile, but there are other providers that have enrolled youths that are in the juvenile system. He further asked what is purpose and outcome for this program and Ms. Morgan again responded that the outcome/goal is to get the juveniles into post/secondary school as well as lowering the recidivism rate. Mr. West suggested that we provide measurements and goals for this program.

Ms. Walker also agreed and suggested that we should target the first-time offenders to help prevent them from returning back into the Juvenile System. Ms. Morgan mentioned that WIA has standards that must be met; however, SFW can implement additional standards for this program.

Ms. Ferradaz moved the approval to Authorize Staff to Release a RFP to Provide Youth Services to the Juvenile Justice System Population for an 18 month period with a stipulation that SFWIB implements a performance measurement standard to measure the program success in addition to the WIA standards. It was seconded by Dr. Jennings; Further Discussion:

Dr. Jennings recommended that it should also include Ms. Walker's suggestion to target first-time juvenile offenders.

Mr. West inquired about the cost per juvenile offender. Mr. Beasley responded that it varies and he also agreed with having first time juvenile offenders as one of the targets as well as repeat offenders.

Ms. Ferradaz suggested that staff consult with Juvenile Justice to identify the criteria, see where SFWIB can best make an impact, and come back to the Council with recommendations.

Mr. West suggested that this item be deferred; however, Mr. Clarence Brown recommended that the Council provide staff with potential criteria to consider when creating the RFP.

Mr. Willie Brown asked if there's another Workforce Investment Board in the State of Florida that SFW can model for the RFP. Ms. Morgan's responded, "Yes."

Dr. Jennings inquired about the target age. Ms. Morgan responded that the WIA act covers ages 14-21, however, the Region can implement its own age range.

Revised Motion:

Ms. Ferradaz moved the approval to Authorize Staff to Release a RFP to Provide Youth Services to the Juvenile Justice System Population for an 18 month period with a stipulation that SFWIB implements a performance measurement standard to measure the program success in addition to the WIA standards and staff will consult with the Juvenile Agencies as well as the Workforce Agencies as appropriate to develop criteria, goals and performance measures. It was seconded by Dr. Jennings; Motion Passed

All in favor with no opposition

#### **8. Recommendation a to Approval of a City of Miami Gardens Honors Internship Pilot Project**

Ms. Morgan presented the item.

Mr. Willie Brown moved the approval of a City of Miami Gardens Honors Internship Pilot Project. It was seconded by Mr. Clarence Brown; Further Discussion:

Dr. Jennings wanted to confirm that the program will be funded by both ARRA and WIA funds. Ms. Morgan's response was "yes."

Ms. Walker inquired about the selection process. Mr. Oliver G. Gilbert III, City of Miami Gardens Councilman Seat 6 provided a brief presentation. He mentioned in addition to the social economic criteria that must be met, the potential candidates will also be selected based on community services they have completed and their academic achievements. Ms. Walker further asked how it will be advertised. Mr. Gilbert responded that it will be advertised in the Miami Times Newspaper, Miami Herald Newspaper and Miami Gardens staff will also provide presentations at the local high schools which are Miami Norland, Carol City, PACE and possibly Miami Central Senior.

Mr. West inquired about the selection committee. Mr. Gilbert responded that it will consist of City of Miami Gardens Administration (City Mayor, Clerk etc.).

Mr. Talbert inquired about the type of positions for the candidates. Mr. Gilbert said the candidate will work directly with the City Manager, Attorney as well as Public Works department, Water & Sewer and others.

Ms. Ferradaz asked will the funding include administrative cost to the City. Mr. Gilbert responded that that there will be administrative cost, however, it will come from other means as the funds will go towards the candidates' salaries.

Mr. West requested to stipulate this in the agreement and Mr. Gilbert responded that it will be done.

Mr. Willie Brown moved the approval of a City of Miami Gardens Honors Internship Pilot Project. It was seconded by Mr. Clarence Brown; **Motion Passed**

All in favor with no opposition

Mr. West asked if there were any questions or concerns then adjourned the meeting.



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**SFWIB - Youth Council**

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**Workforce Professional Champion Award  
Nomination**

**Information Item**

**BACKGROUND**

Workforce Florida, Inc. and the Agency for Workforce Innovation established the Workforce Professional Champions Award to honor individuals on the frontline of the workforce system who demonstrate qualities worthy of emulation. Each of the 24 statewide Local Boards were asked to nominate a “champion” to represent the individual regions. Of the 24 nominations, a subcommittee will choose the winners.

South Florida Workforce Investment Board staff nominated Ms. Paulina Velez, a Youth Co-Op, Inc. Supervisor, who exemplifies dedication and professionalism in her daily role at Youth Co-Op, Inc. Ms. Velez’s talent has been acknowledged by her co-workers and youth participants who recognize her commitment to their success.

On December 17, 2010, at the Workforce Summit in Orlando, Florida, all 24 nominees will be praised for their outstanding service. Subsequently, the winners will be announced.



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**SFWIB - Youth Council**

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**2010 ARRA Summer Youth Employment  
Program Presentation**

**Information Item**

**BACKGROUND**

SFWIB staff will conduct a presentation on the 2010 ARRA Summer Youth Employment Program.





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**SFWIB - Youth Council**

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**Update: RFP for Juvenile Justice Involved Youth**

**Information Item**

**BACKGROUND**

At its October 21, 2010 meeting, the SFWIB approved the release of a Request for Proposals (RFP) to provide youth services to the juvenile justice system population. Hence, staff has scheduled the release of a RFP for Juvenile Justice Involved Youth for 4:00 p.m., December 13, 2010. The RFP will be available at SFWIB Headquarters and on the agency's website ([www.southfloridaworkforce.com](http://www.southfloridaworkforce.com)). The RFP solicits program plans from agencies capable of successfully administering training and employment services to the juvenile justice youth population residing in Region 23.

An Offerors' Conference is scheduled for 10:30 a.m., December 21, 2010, at SFWIB Headquarters. Offerors are advised to consult the SFWIB website for more details on the RFP process and for potential amendments to the Solicitation Schedule.

All proposals must be submitted to the reception desk at SFWIB Headquarters no later than 1:00 p.m., Friday, January 07, 2011.