

Greater New Bedford Workforce Investment Board, Inc.
Youth Council Planning Committee
Meeting Minutes
5/07/09
WIB – Conference Room 207

Members Present: Carl Alves, Chair, John Fernandes, Dianne Rivet, Gloria Williams
Members Absent: Cynthia Wallquist

Workforce Development System Staff Attending: Wendy Andrade, Jean Fox

1. Welcome and Introductions

With a quorum of the YC Planning Committee present, Chair Alves opened the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

2. Discussion relative to ARRA Proposals and Recommendations

The meeting discussion focused on program costs and estimated expenditures for wages, supervision, and supplies. Additionally, Wendy Andrade expressed her concern that New Directions would have difficulty providing the necessary oversight of youth placed in private sector jobs. She reiterated her prior determination that placing youth in programs would be preferable and more manageable. Jean Fox noted that programs carry a per-capita price tag that far exceeds mere wages in the workplace; therefore, in the aggregate fewer youth could be served over the summer.

The committee agreed that Steve Grant and Jean Fox should review the budget and make determinations based on projected expenditures, then share their recommendations with the committee.

Proposal evaluations have been positive, with few exceptions. There was one that had a large budget and extensive program offerings, but was deemed unresponsive because of the inconclusiveness of the narrative and the hefty budget. Another was determined to be more of an RFR application than a proposal submission.

Jean Fox reported that New Directions has been asked to review the list of employers thus far compiled and attempt to begin placement of out of school youth as soon as possible.

Continued discussion with CFO Steve Grant and New Directions is anticipated as the programs and jobs are identified and finalized.

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean C. Fox
Youth Council Director