

TRIDENT WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD  
YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL  
MEETING NOTES  
July 22, 2009

**MEMBERS:** Janet Cappellini, Butch Clift, Barbara Flynn, Susan Friedrich, Jacquie Muir, Priscilla Roper, Jane Riley, Ashley Standafer, Helen Witcher, Heather Crosby, James Villeponteaux, Lillie Mae Caldwell, Julie Kornahrens

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Janet Cappellini, Priscilla Roper, Julie Kornahrens, Susan Friedrich, Barbara Flynn, Ashley Standafer and Jane Riley

**CONTRACTOR (Henkels & McCoy/Palmetto Youth Connection (PYC) Staff Members):** Jim Hughes, Jacinta DeJesus and Kal Kunkel

**STAFF:** Paul L. Connerty, Tonya Morgan, Cassandra Jamison, Monique Walker, Sharon Goss, Joyce Coakley, Jean Sullivan and Michelle Collins

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**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Janet Cappellini, Trident Workforce Investment Board's Vice Chair. Lillie Mae Caldwell, Helen Witcher, Butch Clift and James Villeponteaux were noted as excused absences.

**II. Approval of April 22, 2009 Meeting Notes**

*Julie Kornahrens made a motion to approve the April 22, 2009 Meeting Notes.  
Priscilla Roper seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.*

**III. Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) Update**

The SYEP report was reviewed with the committee. The executive director asked PYC staff to give a brief overview of the report. Staff reported the summer program enrollment goal is 500. Overall numbers to date are as follows:

- 550 participants are enrolled in the summer program
- 448 students have completed job readiness
- 327 individuals are in the Summer employment program
- 119 customers enrolled in the program from Dorchester County
- 127 customers enrolled in the program from Berkeley County
- 304 customer enrolled in the program from Charleston County
- \$124,393 has been paid in training costs through July 12, 2009 and is expected to increase significantly

The executive director commended Palmetto Youth Connections (PYC) for the programs performance accomplishments noting that their hard work has been recognized throughout the region.

Mr. Kunkel addressed the YAC about a Training and Employment Guidance Letter (TEGL) issued by the US Department of Labor governing the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP). He explained that as interpreted and applied to the SYEP by SCDoc, it presents significant concerns for PYC because if a SYEP customer does not successfully complete training or has not entered a work experience program after training, that participant will be included in the year round program performance numbers. The negative impact on year round performance could be significant. Mr. Kunkel does not believe SCDoc's interpretation of the TEGL is accurate.

The executive director noted that he has pursued this matter with SCDoc and USDOL and found that their position is the same in that youth enrolled in the SYEP are the responsibility of the program operator and, if brought into the SYEP must either be in a work experience or served through the year round program. He stated he agrees with PYC that this presents performance challenges and deserves further consideration which he will continue to pursue. He noted it is how SCDoc is interpreting the TEGL and they believe it is consistent with USDOL.

**IV. Other Business**

**A. Action Item – Palmetto Youth Connection Budget Adjustment**

The executive director advised the YAC that this was not an action item and would not require any action.

**V. Other Business**

**A.** Staff reported that all funds allocated for the youth contractor for PY08 have been expended and all performance goals were met.

**B.** The TWIB's 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Award Luncheon is scheduled for August 27<sup>th</sup> at Trident Technical College, Complex for Economic Development. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. Members were encouraged to support the event through sponsorship and attendance.

**VI. Next Meeting Date – August 26, 2009**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Collins  
Recording Secretary