

Sacramento County Youth Commission
 Tomorrow's Leaders Leading Today

Minutes
 Monday, June 12, 2006

Chair: Vacant
 Vice Chair: Beth Griffiths
 Secretary: Amanda Koire

Attendance:

District 1	Katie Batten	Absent
	Vacant	<i>Vacant</i>
	Kristina Wong	Absent
District 2	Beth Griffiths	X
	Elissa Ouchida	X
	Vacant	<i>Vacant</i>
District 3	Amanda Koire	X
	Rachel Sussman	X
	Dale Till	Absent
District 4	Christine Braziel	X
	Naomi Endsley	X
	<i>Vacant</i>	<i>Vacant</i>
District 5	Harkirat Hansra	X
	Stacey Howell	X
	Tiffany Jones	X

Advisor: Kim Dahl

Guests: Linda Kimura, Supervisor Illa Collin's Office
 Pat Braziel, Supervisor Don Nottoli's Office
 Michelle Watts, Community Services Planning Council
 Jackie Thayer, WIND Youth Services

Agenda:

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:23 p.m.
2. The May 15th minutes had Illa Collin's name misspelled. After the correction was made, the minutes were approved by a motion by Rachel and seconded by Elissa.
3. Jackie Thayer, representative from WIND Youth Services, gave a presentation to the Commission on what WIND Youth Services is all about. WIND Youth Services is a local non-profit agency that was

established in 1994 to directly address the immediate and long-range needs of the Sacramento area homeless, runaway, and street youth and their families. WIND began its work in response to the increasing number of homeless youth that were not being served by any other agency. WIND's main focus is to provide homeless/street youth with help to move from crisis to healthy functioning. Their activities follow a strength-based youth development format nationally recognized as a "best practice" approach to working with vulnerable youth that builds on the individual strengths and abilities of each young person. They have various programs such as a youth tutoring center, an on-site education program, a youth crisis shelter, and outreach teams.

WIND accepts many types of donations from the community; however, Jackie said they don't have enough storage for all the donations they receive; therefore, the shelter prefers cash donations or gift cards. However, WIND always needs certain items like underwear and toilet paper. After hearing Jackie's presentation, the Commission said they were interested in organizing a fundraising event that would benefit WIND. At this event, the art created by the homeless youth would be auctioned to raise money for the shelter. The art auction could be held during the open house of the new WIND facility. Amanda will email Jackie Thayer with the Commission's proposal.

4. Naomi reported on the Jump Start 21 Conference. At the Youth Commission table, the Youth Commission flyers, brochures, wristbands and the promotional pens were displayed and made available for those who stopped by. The Youth Commission banner was also displayed. Naomi said that many people took Youth Commission flyers and brochures. The event slowed down quite a bit by 2:00 p.m. and many vendors left around that time. She suggested that the Youth Commission participate again next year, but could plan to leave early if the event slows down in the afternoon.
5. Joe ordered the Youth Commission promotional pens and they arrived in time to be distributed at the Jump Start 21 Conference. The pens can also be distributed at future events that the Commission participates. Kim also informed the Commission that a County flag had been purchased for the Youth Commission to use at the various events that they participate in. The Commission will no longer need to borrow the flag from the Board of Supervisor's office.
6. Christine brought in a prototype for the Volunteer Opportunities for Youth brochure. The Commission checked for spelling and grammar errors. It was decided that the font should be smaller, and that the phone numbers and websites of the organizations should be added. Hands On

Sacramento will also be added to the list of resources for volunteer opportunities. The brochure will be emailed to Joe.

7. The District 1 Commissioners were absent and unable to report of the Board of Supervisors agenda. The Commission looked over the Sacramento County Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board minutes. Kim will look into getting the commissioners on the distribution list for the Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board minutes. The Commission will review these minutes for any issues that may have an impact on the youth.
8. District 2 Commissioners will monitor the agendas of the Board of Supervisors and Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board for June/July.
9. The meeting was adjourned early at 7:36 p.m.