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Sacramento County Youth Commission

Tomorrow's Leaders Leading Today

Minutes
Monday, April 21, 2008

Chair: Harkirat Hansra
Vice Chair: Rachel Sussman
Secretary: Cynthia Tsay

Attendance:

District 1	Katie Batten	X
	Kristina Wong	Absent
	Stephanie Taylor	X
District 2	Cynthia Tsay	X
	Raylia Washington	Absent
	Kiki Vo	X
District 3	Rachel Sussman	X
	Megan Alcalay	X
	Elizabeth Eggert	X
District 4	Naomi Endsley	X
	Rachel Anderson	X
	<i>Vacant</i>	<i>Vacant</i>
District 5	Harkirat Hansra	X
	Brianna Moland	X
	<i>Vacant</i>	<i>Vacant</i>

Advisor: Michele Watts

Guests: Sylvia Perscheid, Supervisor Don Nottoli's Office (Youth Commission Liason)
Joe Angeles, Supervisor Roger Dickinson's Office
Jon Benorden, HIV Health Services Planning Council
Amanda Chi, Center for AIDS Research and Education Services

Agenda:

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:20 p.m.

2. Announcements and Comments:

- Introductions were made by the Youth Commissioners.
- Michele e-mailed out the application for the California Student Council and encourages any commissioners who are interested to apply.

- Sylvia will not be at the next meeting so the commissioners should bring their own drinks to the next meeting.
- Harkirat will not be present at the next meeting and brought up the possibility of holding elections in June rather than May depending on the schedules of potential leaders.

3. Approve Minutes of March 10, 2008 Meeting

- Kiki motioned to approve the March 10, 2008 minutes and Rachel S. seconded. The minutes were approved as written.

4. Monitoring of Board of Supervisors Agendas

- No report for March/April by the District 2 Commissioners. District 2 Commissioners will review the archived agendas and report back in May.
- April/May agenda monitoring is assigned to District 3 Commissioners

5. HIV Prevention Efforts Presentation

- The HIV Health Services Planning Council and CARES (Center for AIDS Research, Education and Services) are interested in creating a youth advisory panel that would serve as members of outreach programs at schools to educate youth about both HIV and AIDS. The organizations have contacted local schools about making presentations.
- The commissioners were asked about where they had been educated about HIV and AIDS. Some received information from the media through magazines and newspapers while others were informed by their parents. Others were briefly educated on the facts through their health courses or biology classes. Some high schools do not require the students to take health to graduate, while others offer elective classes on infectious diseases.
- The presenters asked if spreading information on Facebook or MySpace would appeal to the youth and the commissioners confirmed that they would be open to receiving information through this medium.
- CARES has held outreach events at concerts where they handed out brochures outlining prevention measures. They have also advertised on buses about a twenty minute test for HIV antibodies. They are working to make this part of routine health care check ups.
- They elaborated on the responsibilities for individuals on the panel and discussed upcoming events such as the Night at the River Cats and the Monarchs game where the panel would head outreach efforts. The panel would meet once a month and communication would mainly be via e-mail.
- The commissioners provided feedback on the CARES slogan which they use at health fairs and expos. They advised them to eliminate racial connotations and any references to race. Additionally, they suggested keeping the slogan more youth orientated and removing words that could have negative sexual connotations.
- There was a suggestion to have an outreach attempt at Warped Tour at the end of the summer because their target demographic would be there. Also, maybe

educating youth at an earlier age, such as middle school students, would be eliminated and prevent the rising number of individuals with HIV or AIDS.

6. Crocker Art Museum Project Update

- Rachel contacted Caren and discussed our idea of during an informational night at the Crocker. The museum has a PowerPoint Presentation staff and they already have a PowerPoint, but it is apparently long and dull. Rachel will contact the individual who is in charge of Night at the Museum for more information.
- There are two options for times during the summer for the information night, either Thursday evening or Saturday during the day.
- Rachel will try to arrange for a meeting with both Caren and coordinator behind Night at the Museum to discuss the status of the PowerPoint. We could have other options such as having the PowerPoint running throughout the night without giving a formal presentation.
- The commissioners could act as docents. The commission decided to not have a scavenger hunt due to the complexity of arranging the entire event.

7. Youth Issues Survey: Internet Outreach

- Michele asked for a volunteer who was familiar with Facebook and MySpace to go to her office and help set up a link on these social networks and on the youth commission website.
- The commission will also be promoting the survey at the Youth Fair and commissioners were asked to e-mail their friends the URL for the website to the survey once it was set up.

8. Trade Schools Brochure Project Update

- Rachel A. shared the outline for the brochure with the commission. The panels will include a definition of trade schools, general information, a chart comparing trade schools to universities, a list of major trade schools in Sacramento, and contact information. She is currently trying to get a testimonial from a trade school alumnus.

9. Participation in the Passport to Summer Youth Fair

- Will take place on Sunday, April 27 and Michele needs commissioners to sign up for time slots between 9:30 am and 2:30 pm. The event itself is from 10:00 am to 2:00 am and is at Southside Park in downtown.
- The booth will include handouts of previously made brochures on Job Tips, Recreational Activities, and Volunteer Opportunities, as well as Applications to the Youth Commission and the Youth Issues Survey.

10. Other Business

- The elections will be held at the May 19th meeting
- Megan is starting a project at her Key Club to record books onto CDs and cassette tapes for low income elementary schools. She needs donations for recording devices and tape players.

- Katie attended the Yes to Youth Task Force meeting and the organization is trying to get a Youth and Gang Violence Initiative added onto the ballot. It will be a tax that will generate revenue to help eliminate youth violence. It either needs to be approved by the Board of Supervisors or needs 55,000 signatures and needs to be accomplished within the next month. The task force meets the 2nd Thursday of every month and want the opinion of youth.

11. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

- There were no comments on non-agenda items.

12. The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.