



**MINUTES**  
**YOUTH DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL MEETING**  
 Zoom Conference Call  
 August 2, 2021 | 1:30p.m.

Members		Members		Staff Present	Guest
Katrina Lunsford, Chair	P	Albert Scott Miller	P	S. Campbell-Domineck	Shiva Ward
Patti Gander	P	Yesse Olivas	E	Cyndi Adams	
Ginger Garner	P	Amanda Wilson	E	Eshia Smith	
Lisa Hall	P			Kathy Suttles	

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Katrina Lunsford, at **1:30 p.m.** followed by introductions of all those present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chair Lunsford called for a motion to approve the minutes from the May 3, 2021 meeting. Motion made by **Al Miller** and seconded by **Lisa Hall**. Floor opened for discussion. There was no discussion. All voted. Motion carried unanimously.

**TESTIMONIAL**

N/A

**OLD BUSINESS**

N/A

**COUNCIL EDUCATION**

N/A

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Recommendation:** Approval of \$15.00/hour wage for the work experience programs

Katrina Lunsford brought to the attention of the committee the recommendation to provide work experience teens with a bump in pay to \$15. A motion to accept the recommendation was made by Patti Gander and seconded by Lisa Hall.

Lisa also asked for clarification on the previous pay rate for teens. Eshia confirmed that it was formerly \$13 and that they want to increase wages to offer their participants the opportunity to make \$15/hour because they are not receiving benefits.

All agreed and the motion carried.

**Recommendation:** Approval to issue RFP for Summer Youth Training Grants

Katrina Lunsford introduced to the committee the recommendation to support teen programs including: life skills, summer experience, etc. with TANF funds that were received through the DEO. CSP has previously applied TANF funds to other community initiatives including needy families and job preparation. A motion was made to support the recommendation by Al Miller and seconded by Ginger Garner. There was no discussion. The motion carried.

**Report:** Business Service 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Report

Kathy Suttles reviewed Business Services 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Report with the committee. Chair Lunsford opened the floor for questions. Patti Gander inquired about whether the individuals showing up for the hiring events were increasing in number and more hirings taking place. Kathy Suttles indicated that it depends upon the company that is being represented at the hiring event.

Patti Gander then asked if there were statistics on hiring event based on the field of work. Kathy stated she could provide that information if requested, in the form of a report.

Chair Lunsford then asked about whether or not hiring events will still be a mixture of virtual and in-person events. Kathy says that moving forward they will be in person because virtual gatherings are too expensive and CSP was not able to get out of the events what was believed to be the best outcomes. Chair Lunsford then shared that she's still seeing a mixture of virtual and in-person events and that their appearance now may reflect where we'll be in a year. Kathy shared those employers working with CSP have overwhelmingly chosen to do in-house recruiting.

There were no additional questions or discussion.

**Report: Youth Services 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Report**

Eshia Smith reviewed the Youth Services 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report. Based on number of teen activities, Patti Gander asked whether manufacturing companies/organizations were participating with the youth. Eshia stated that they had not seen them in some time, and the last participant did not draw much interest from the teen group based on ill-fitting working hours.

There was no additional discussion.

**Report: THMP Monitoring Summary Report – June 2021**

Chair Lunsford reported that on the recent audit conducted by THMP there were no findings and no observations for this reporting period. There were no questions or concerns.

**Meeting Adjourned 1:53pm**