

CA Collaborative for Youth Development Meeting Notes, February 26, 2007

Meeting Participants:

Friday Night Live: Jim Kooler
Attorney General's Office: Mike Kelly
CA Research Bureau: Lisa Foster, Alexia Mandolfo
Alliance for Education: Bernie Davitto
CCSP-UC Davis: Kindra Montgomery
Youth Leadership Institute: Amy Dean, Maureen Sedonaen
CA Department of Education: Stephanie Papas
Youth Services Provider Network: Bina Lefokowitz
CA Park & Recreation Society: Leslie Fritz

Action #1: Introductions

Action #2: Minutes Recorder

Stephanie Papas, CDE, was designated as the meeting recorder. Lisa Foster will record minutes for the next meeting.

Action #3: White Paper, Roster & Topic Documents

Attendees discussed the White Paper and agreed it was "outstanding." Any final suggestions should be sent to Maureen who will finalize.

To-Do:

Highlight the name of the organization
Add Bina's name to roster
Jim will post PDF files on the Web site
Remove "White Paper" from the first page

Action #4: Election of Officers

Tabled until next meeting
Discussion: Mike's seat is state agency; Jim's seat is non-profit; Lisa's is "logistics" position. We had previously decided to elect the non-profit seats in even years and the government seat in odd years.

To-Do:

Everyone will think about nominations and have names ready to submit to Jim Kooler at the March 26th meeting.

Action #5: Recruitment Plan

Desired Outcome: put package of YD materials together to send or deliver when making personal contact
Discussion of two documents: "CCYD Invitation" and "Draft Invitation List"- send additions to either/both to Lisa.

Amy stated need for contact with at least one or two staff people from Assemblymembers Carter, Caballero, Hancock, and Senator Torlakson's offices

Recommendation: form a group willing to make face to face outreach visits; Kindra, Leslie, Jennifer, and Maureen volunteered; Suggestion to contact Kim to see if she might be able to provide some ILP youth.

Suggested Contacts (Name/Office):

Jeanice Warden/Carter

Rick Rivas/Caballero

Rebecca Bauman/Hancock

Mufadel Hotelwala/Torlakson

Shara Perkins/Desaulnier

Marcus McKinney/Bass

Lynn Lorber/Senate Education Committee

Marisol Avina/Assembly Education Committee

Bill Gatlin/Adams

Mike Welch/Coto

Erica Contreras/Solario

David Kirsten/Solario

To-Do:

Send additions to the invitation list to Lisa Foster
Stephanie submit name of American Indian contact
Add a "Ready By 21" contact
Bina will find out if her son is interested
Kindra will contact Kim re: ILP Youth
Amy will set up appointments
Lisa/Alexia will help update CCYD's Web site

Action #6: Non-Profit's Outreach & Education

Background: some CCYD members were concerned over conflict of interest.

Amy stated that a nonprofit (501c3) can spend up to 20% of total budget on outreach and educational advocacy; it's only when you go over that 20% that you have to file as a 501c4. Amount of time on activities is not the test – 20% of the operating budget is. Testifying is not considered lobbying; "educating" is not considered lobbying. It's a violation of law when you threaten to withhold money.

To-Do:

Maureen will send out an informational sheet/summary that includes minutes regarding conflict of interest.

Action #7: CASC's Legislative Presentations

Presentations were made on six topic areas, including: learning styles, services for English Learners, equal access to higher education (counseling services for

students other than those typically college bound), student evaluation of teachers, and credit for leadership experiences and civic engagement.

All but the EL issues were changed into unbacked bills.

Amy felt that visits came too late in the leg process as November and December are peak times. Suggests we shift paradigm so that legislators are approaching YD organizations with legislation in hand. Amy and Bernie are “ready to pass the torch.” This work needs to take place in the fall interim session. We need to find a way to form a coalition that goes beyond the typical one-day students-visiting the capitol model. Maureen commented that no one is talking about issues – they talk about their group instead.

Suggestion: form a subcommittee for youth policy to create one aligned policy issue for the year. The challenge is to find one policy that serves everyone’s needs such as AB 1320- Carter: credit for civic engagement. Amy suggested we form a task force to oversee; Maureen volunteered to help.

To Do:

Conference call set up for March 14th at 4:30 pm to discuss task force and building criteria for what’s acceptable “civic engagement” and what’s not.

Action #8: Miscellaneous

Lisa gave an update on Youth Participation in Policy surveys. CRB received a good return from policymakers that described what they wanted from youth participating in state policy. However, only four out of the approx. 20 youth organizations sent back their survey so CRB will be re-contacting them and also asking for them to have youth fill out surveys.

Action #9: Next Meeting: March 26th, 4 to 6 pm; CRB, 900 N Street, Rm. 340.