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NYC Youth Board/WIB Youth Council
Tuesday, June 10, 2014
8:30AM to 10:00AM
Department of Youth and Community Development
156 William Street, 2nd Floor Auditorium
New York, New York 10038

Present:

Youth Board/Youth Council members¹:

Ana Garcia Reyes	George Hulse*	Peter Kleinbard
Anthony Sumpter, Sr. *	Gladys Carrion	Priscilla Guo*
Arnold Dorin	Gregory Hambric *	Rae Linefsky
Bill Chong*	Jane Reiss	Richard F. McKeon *
Briana Thompson	Kurt Sonnenfeld, EdD	Shola Olatoye
Carmen Farina	Maureen O'Connor *	Sibyl Silberstein, PhD *
Elizabeth Cribbs	Milga Morales Nadal, PhD*	Steve Banks
Erika Larsen *	Nancy Wackstein*	Tom Pendleton *
		Victoria Sammartino *

Guests: Jackie Roth, Keyla Espinal, Sarah Hass, Alan Cheng, Justin Walter, Susan Haskell, Anthony Ng, Paul Margolis and Ruma Debi

Welcome and Call to Order

- Youth Board Chair Richard McKeon called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone, asked for brief introductions of all members and thanked the Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD) for hosting the meeting. This was Rich McKeon's last meeting as Youth Board Chair. Commissioner Chong thanked Rich for his long tenure as Youth Board Chair, and presented a plaque to him to acknowledge his years of service.
- Commissioner Chong introduced the new Youth Board Chair, Kevin Ryan of the New York Foundation. He attended the meeting as an observer.

Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Chong thanked the members for their service on the Youth Board and Youth Council. He acknowledged that a few members had discussed their intent to transition off the

¹ An * indicates the member's presence at the meeting.

YB/YC and that he was working with the Mayor's Appointments Office to fill vacancies and strengthen the YB/YC.

The Commissioner discussed highlights of the Executive budget and increased funding for SYEP, RHY and expansion of middle school summer programs.

He also discussed the middle school afterschool expansion. DYCD had a very robust response to the RFP – almost 300 proposals. Awards should be announced in mid June.

Presentations

Jobs for New Yorkers Taskforce

Alan Cheng, Assistant Commissioner, Youth Workforce Development gave a presentation on Jobs for New Yorkers Taskforce. On May 20th, Mayor de Blasio announced his "Jobs for New Yorkers Taskforce." 30 individuals from government, business, philanthropy, advocacy organizations and labor were appointed and charged with making recommendations in 4 areas. Out of all city agencies, DYCD is the second highest agency in terms of workforce development spending.

- YB/YC members raised good suggestions and points, in response to Alan's presentation:
 - How do we hire youth without high school diplomas and support them to obtain HSEs over time?
 - Literacy services must be part of the workforce development discussion. Alan confirmed that this has been part of the Jobs for New Yorkers taskforce discussion.
 - How do we make better use of NYCHA's Section 3 job training programs?

Alan also distributed the one pagers for four major workforce development programs which are: In-School Youth, Summer Youth Employment Program, Out of School Youth and Young Adult Internship program.

Stronger YB/YC Engagement

- Commissioner Chong acknowledged Anthony Ng, Director of City Intergovernmental Affairs, who will now coordinate the YB/YC. Anthony discussed greater YB/YC engagement in upcoming year and distributed an expectations document for feedback. He also invited YB/YC members to serve as readers for upcoming RFPs.
- We discussed a one year campaign where YB/YC members could use their networks to increase the number of private sector worksites for SYEP. Commissioner Chong put a goal of reaching 60% by the end of the Mayor's first term. (currently at 30%).
- Some suggestions to increase these worksites included:

- Approaching the board members of nonprofits to help identify employers (Nancy Wackstein)
- DOE could reach out to employers through their CTE advisory board (Tom Pendleton)
- Re-connecting with the NYC Partnership on this topic
- Work with EDC and SBS to tap their employer relationships
- Small businesses

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15a.m.