

MOTION BY SUPERVISORS KNABE AND YAROSLAVSKY

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On March 3, 2009 this Board directed the Chief Executive Office (CEO) to create a plan to develop employment opportunities for up to 10,000 County residents, utilizing American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds. As a result, an unprecedented collaboration emerged between Los Angeles County and the Workforce Investment Boards across the County, and yielded employment for over 11,000 adults and youth.

This summer we can do even more. State rules allow utilization of ARRA funds to provide summer youth employment for qualifying young people, including those in CalWORKs families, in foster care or emancipating from foster care. The best way to do this is to utilize the infrastructure available through the County Workforce Investment Board and the South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB), who would in turn coordinate with the other Workforce Investments Boards across the County.

We will continue to take full advantage of every opportunity to provide summer jobs to thousands of young people. For many, it is likely their only chance to learn and practice the skills needed to transition into a self-sufficient adulthood.

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WE THEREFORE MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Direct DPSS to include the following categories of eligible youth in the 2010 Summer Youth Employment Program: eligible youth ages 14 -19 in CalWORKs and Food Stamp households, eligible foster youth ages 14-19 living with a relative, eligible transition-aged foster youth, as well as youth receiving General Relief ages 18 – 24.
2. Delegate authority to the Director of Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) or designee to amend the current Transitional Subsidized Employment contract with the City of Hawthorne/South Bay Workforce Investment Board to:
 - Provide an advance payment to the Workforce Investment Boards (WIBs) and their contractors to cover operational/administrative costs, which include the costs of wages for participating youth. The advance payment is estimated at \$5.2 million for FY 2009/10 and \$ 6.5 million for FY 2010/11.
 - Allow the City of Hawthorne to subcontract upon County approval with other WIBs to be the employer-of-record for participating teens and youth.
3. Direct DPSS and CSS to execute a Memorandum of Understanding to provide TANF ECF funding to CSS to administer the 2010 ECF Summer Youth Employment Program in the Los Angeles County Workforce Investment Area, and CSS to return to the Board for approval of amendments to its 2009 WIA Summer Youth contracts to incorporate ECF funding for this summer.
4. Direct DPSS and CSS to develop an outreach campaign to promote awareness of the Summer Youth Program through targeted mailers to the CalWORKs and Food Stamp youth population. The outreach plan should include implementation of a web-based enrollment application system with the County WIB as well as consumer-friendly information available on the County website.

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