



MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 14, 2017

TO: South Central Workforce Council

FROM: South Central Youth Committee, Leanne Liddicoat, Chair

SUBJECT: Youth Committee Recommendation PY 17 Out- of- School Youth and Request for Proposal

The South Central Youth Committee met on January 26, 2017 and spent considerable time reviewing the WIOA Youth Request for Proposals. Much of the discussion focused on design and intent of Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act funding; and changes designed to strengthen the capacity and positive impact for youth enrolled in the program. A major decision point was to focus completely on out of school youth based on the following Department of Labor initial advisories regarding the Youth Program for WIOA:

*“Notably, WIOA shifts the primary program focus of Title I youth formula programs to support the educational and career success of **out-of-school youth (OSY)**. With an estimated 6 million 16-24 year olds in this country not employed or not in school, the WIOA youth program is intended to provide a needed continuum of services to help disconnected youth navigate between the educational and workforce systems.”*

At the onset of WIOA implementation, the Youth Committee increased our local minimum to 80% out-of-school expenditures to avoid missing the minimum of 75% mandated by the legislation. As a result, of the 163 total youth enrollments, the current PY16 Youth program serves only 14 in-school participants and two of the three sub recipients have enrolled no in-school youth. Subsequently, this change will have relatively little impact to the current program efforts. After careful deliberation, the committee unanimously agreed that programs would be strengthened and local youth would be better served by moving to a complete out of school program.

Consistent with the out of school program design the Youth Committee approved an out of school Request for Proposal (RFP) for the upcoming WIOA Youth competitive process. The release of the RFP is also contingent of the SCWDC approval.

The Youth Committee requests the South Central Workforce Council approval for the two following recommendations;

- 1. To adopt an out of school design for the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Youth Program for 2017.**
- 2. To approve the out of school request for proposal (RFP).**

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