

**WORKFORCE ESCAROSA  
YOUTH COUNCIL  
ACTION ITEM  
SYETP LOCAL FLEXIBILITY**

**Date: April 16, 2009**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Robert Ephriam – Chair, Janice Thomas, Cheryl Smith, and Natalie Prim.

**ITEM FOR DISCUSSION**

The Employment and Training Administration (ETA) issued a Training and Employment Guidance Letter (TEGL) 14-08 which lays out guidelines for the implementation of services under the Recovery Act. In regard to the Summer Youth Employment and Training Program (SYETP), ETA waived certain programmatic requirements to include basic skills assessment of out-of-school youth; the 10 required components; and certain performance standards. On certain areas ETA recommends local flexibility. Those areas include:

- Determination if the 12 month follow-up will be required. Local areas should provide follow-up services when deemed appropriate for such individuals
- The type of assessment and Individual Service Strategy
- Whether it is appropriate that academic learning be directly linked to summer employment for each youth

The Council felt that with the short time-frame for SYETP services, the above components would hinder implementation of the program and adds no real value to the work experience component.

After much discussion, the following policy regarding local flexibility for the Summer Youth Employment and Training program is recommended for approval:

- The 12 month follow-up will not be required unless the youth continues in a work experience component past September 30, 2009, and then will be treated in accordance with WIA Youth requirements.
- Basic skills assessments (reading, math, reading for information grade levels) will not be required; and
- Academic learning may be offered in conjunction with work experience; however, is not required.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**To approve the above guidelines for local flexibility under the SYETP only.**