

TO: Workforce Investment Board

DATE: 11/13/08

FROM: Executive Committee

For Action

For Information

For Discussion

SUBJECT: Youth Contract Funding Levels for PY 09/10

PROPOSED MOTION(S): Ratify the Executive Committee's decision to approve youth programs at a 50/50 funding level beginning with the 2009/10 program year.

DISCUSSION: The present youth contracts are funded at a 60/40 split with the Younger Youth contract receiving 60% of the funds. Across the nation, the trend has been a shift to serving out-of-school youth. This shift is within the Employment and Training Administration of the US Department of Labor (ETA/DOL) recommendations for WIA youth programs. In order to plan ahead and stay in tune with the ETA/DOL's vision for youth, a 50/50 split is recommended for PY 2009/10.

At times in the past, the Youth Council has recommended against moving to a 50/50 funding level due to a large number of younger youth not being able to be fully served. Currently this is no longer an issue, and this is the appropriate time to change the split in funding. The number of younger youth being served has decreased to the point that the impact will be sustainable. The Youth Council recommended moving funding to a 50/50 split for the WIA youth programs at their regularly scheduled meeting in October (10/08/08).

ATTACHMENT(S): N/A