

TO: Youth Council

DATE: 12/16/09

FROM: Youth Council Staff

For Action

For Information

For Discussion

SUBJECT: Youth Council Recruitment

PROPOSED MOTION(S): Information and discussion.

DISCUSSION: The Youth Council must meet all legal and regulatory requirements for youth council membership. It is recommended that the Youth Council create an ad-hoc committee for youth membership recruitments.

The areas that have been identified for recruitment are as follows: Members of the Workforce Investment Board with a special interest or expertise in youth policy; representatives of youth service agencies, including juvenile justice and local law enforcement agencies; representatives of local housing authorities; parents of eligible youth seeking assistance under the Act; Individuals or former participants, including representatives of youth-serving organizations that have experience relating to these activities; and in addition to these mandated membership categories, the chairperson of the Local Board may appoint other individuals. However, the decision to appoint additional representatives must be in cooperation with chief elected official. Those members of the Youth Council who are not members of the Local Board do not have voting rights on the full Board, but they may vote as members of the Youth Council.

Section 117 (h) YOUTH COUNCIL.—

(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—There shall be established, as a subgroup within each local board, a youth council appointed by the local board, in cooperation with the chief elected official for the local area.

**(2) MEMBERSHIP.—The membership of each youth council—
(A) shall include—**

- (i) members of the local board described in subparagraph (A) or (B) of subsection (b)(2) with special interest or expertise in youth policy;**
 - (ii) representatives of youth service agencies, including juvenile justice and local law enforcement agencies;**
 - (iii) representatives of local public housing authorities;**
 - (iv) parents of eligible youth seeking assistance under this subtitle;**
 - (v) individuals, including former participants, and representatives of organizations, that have experience relating to youth activities; and**
 - (vi) representatives of the Job Corps, as appropriate;**
- and**

(B) may include such other individuals as the chairperson of the local board, in cooperation with the chief elected official, determines to be appropriate.

(3) RELATIONSHIP TO LOCAL BOARD.—Members of the youth council who are not members of the local board described in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of subsection (b)(2) shall be voting members of the youth council and nonvoting members of the board.

(4) DUTIES.—The duties of the youth council include—

(A) developing the portions of the local plan relating to eligible youth, as determined by the chairperson of the local board;

(B) subject to the approval of the local board and consistent with section 123—

(i) recommending eligible providers of youth activities, to be awarded grants or contracts on a competitive basis by the local board to carry out the youth activities; and

(ii) conducting oversight with respect to the eligible providers of youth activities, in the local area;

(C) coordinating youth activities authorized under section 129 in the local area; and

(D) other duties determined to be appropriate by the chairperson of the local board.

ATTACHMENTS: N/A