Welcome and introductions – Jay Dixon, Youth Development Council Vice Chair
Vice Chair Dixon called the meeting to order; Karen Wilkes conducted the roll call of council members.

Message from Oregon Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction – Rob Saxton
Deputy Superintendent Saxton thanked the Council members for their service and said that their work has made a difference in youths’ lives. Rob said he has heard conversation at the State Capitol recognizing the work the YDC is doing and that additional funding is needed. Rob told the Council he will be retiring on June 30. Dr. Salam Noor will be the new Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction beginning July 1.

Conflict of Interest Procedure - Executive Director Iris Bell
As part of the Youth Development Council’s 2015-2017 Community Investment biennial grant award process, there needs to be a declaration of potential and actual conflicts of interest that may arise during the vote on each slate of awardees. The YDC is following the same format as last year’s grant award process and discussed possible scenarios that may cause conflicts of interest. The scenarios were based on the applications that were submitted for review and considered for funding. Council members who have actual conflicts are to leave the room during any discussion or vote for each slate.

Overview Presentation and Work Session – Iris Bell and Matt Tschabold, YDD Policy Analyst
An overview of the application and review process was given. Oregon Department of Education (ODE) Procurement protocol for the application process was explained; it was a clear and transparent process.
The slate of awards was summarized, beginning with Tiers 1 through 3 of the Youth & Community Grant, then the Youth & Innovation Grant and finally the Youth & Gangs Grant. It was explained that when the budget process began this year, the YDC requested an additional $5.5 million and it remained in the YDC’s budget until the Governor’s Budget was officially released. Council members and many stakeholders advocated for the return of money to the YDC budget. The YDC could receive additional funding but is not certain. If the YDC receives additional funds from the legislature, those would go directly into Youth & Community’s Tier 1.

Options were provided on Excel spreadsheets showing how many more programs could receive funding should additional funds become available. Options for different percentages of the grant awards in Tier 1 were also reviewed. The Council members were given funding options of 100%, 90%, 80%, 70%, 60% and 50% in Tier 1. Each line gave the Council an estimate of what the YDC could fund without any additional funds, and what it would look like if funds were added to the tier.

Iris asked the Council to deliberate on the recommendations for the Youth and Community Tier I ranking. There was a concern regarding the equitable and geographic distribution of the funds.

Janet Arenz noted the Council had previously stated it wanted to fund programs at their full 100% funding, and wanted to move forward with that intention. It was explained that the percentage options were staff recommendations made to reconcile so little funding versus many strong applications in Tier 1.

The Youth & Innovation Grant had funds left over. It was proposed that the Council consider funding entrepreneurial grants to youth for innovative projects. Chief Teague also suggested staff come up with an additional proposal to fund youth workplace readiness projects, particularly for skills development. The staff will return with a work force readiness proposal at the June 18 meeting.

**Youth & Community Tier I Grant Award:**

Janet Arenz motioned that the Youth Development Council fund at 100% the designated applicants based on their rankings. She said any additional funds that come through the Youth Development Division be funded at 100% to the applicants that fell below the line, in order of ranking. John Teague seconded the motion.

Conflict of Interest: Tim Sinatra, Ted Martinez

Potential Conflict of Interest: Janet Arenz

No Discussion

Yes:  10
No:  0
Abstentions:  2

**Youth & Community Grant - Tier II**

Conflict of Interest: Tim Sinatra

Potential Conflict of Interest: Janet Arenz

No Discussion

Yes:  11
No:  0
Abstentions:  1
Youth & Community Grant Tier III:
Conflict of Interest: Tim Sinatra
Potential Conflict of Interest: Janet Arenz
No Discussion
Yes: 11
No: 0
Abstentions: 1

Youth & Innovation Grant:
Conflict of Interest: Tim Sinatra
Potential Conflict of Interest: Janet Arenz
No Discussion
Yes: 11
No: 0
Abstentions: 1

Youth & Innovation Second Motion:
Chief Teague moved for a motion—that the Youth Development Division staff bring back recommendations to the Council on workplace readiness projects in addition to the entrepreneurial proposal, based on available funds in the Youth & Innovation Grant. Brenda Frank seconded the motion, which was approved with no further discussion.

Youth and Gangs Grant:
Conflict of Interest: None
Potential Conflict of Interest: Janet Arenz
No Discussion
Yes: 12
No: 0
Abstentions: 0

Adjourned: The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Next meeting: June 18, 2015