

**WORKFORCE CONNECTIONS
YOUTH COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**January 8, 2014
11:00 a.m.**

*Workforce Connections
6330 W. Charleston Blvd., Ste. 150
Bronze Conference Room
Las Vegas, NV 89146*

Members Present

Sonja Holloway	Stavan Corbett	Lt. Jack Owen	Mujahid Ramadan
Tommy Rowe			

Members Absent

Vida Chan Lin	Willie J. Fields	Debbie Tomasetti	Dan Rose
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Staff Present

Ardell Galbreth	Heather DeSart	Suzanne Potter	Clentine January
Ricardo Villalobos	Jim Kostecki	Carol Turner	
Brett Miller	Shawonda Nance		

Others Present

Dr. Rene Cantu, Jr., LCCCF	Stacy Smith, Nye Communities Coalition
Eloiza Martinez, LCCCF	Jeramey Pickett, Nevada Partners, Inc.
Sharon Morales, LCCCF	Dahron Footman, Olive Crest – Project Independence
Donna Bensing, New Horizons CLC	Pamela R. Poston, HELP of Southern Nevada
Nield Montgomery, The Learning Center	Linda Montgomery, The Learning Center
Vincent Miller, Goodwill of Southern Nevada	Darby Porter, Lincoln County Workforce
Kristi Siegmund, Goodwill of Southern Nevada	

FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION:

Mujahid Ramadan introduced Jack Martin, Director, Department of Juvenile Justice Services. Mr. Martin is involved with various youth projects, including the Safe Village Initiative to reduce crime in violence in Southern Nevada. Martin spoke briefly about the Juvenile Justice program in Southern Nevada and the strategies for transitioning youth out of the system into a healthy lifestyle as productive citizens. Last year, Southern Nevada received 20,000 new and unique referrals for crimes ranging from graffiti and truancy to murder. Martin thanked the Board for their partnership and continued support for programs that serve incarcerated youth like Nevada Partners, Spring Mountain Youth Camp Forestry Program, and Latin Chamber of Commerce.

1. Call to order, confirmation of posting and roll call

The meeting was called to order at 11:27 a.m. by Chair Holloway. Staff confirmed the meeting had been properly posted in accordance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law; roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

2. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: Approve the Agenda with inclusions of any emergency items and deletion of any items

A motion was made to approve the agenda by Tommy Rowe and seconded by Lt. Jack Owen. Motion carried.

3. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: Approve the Youth Council Meeting Minutes of October 16, 2013

A motion was made to approve the Youth Council Meeting Minutes of October 16, 2013 by Tommy Rowe and seconded by Lt. Jack Owen. Motion carried.

4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: Approve staff's recommendation to award Latin Chamber of Commerce Community Foundation a WIA Youth contract in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 to serve 90 Out-of-School Youth for the term of February 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014

Ricardo Villalobos provided an overview of the funding recommendation for Latin Chamber of Commerce Community Foundation's (LCCCCF) STEM Education and Training for Youth Program. The Latin Chamber Foundation will provide employment and training services for 100 WIA eligible out of school youth at an average cost of \$2,500 per student. The focus of the program is Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM). An Executive Summary submitted by the Latin Chamber Foundation is provided on page 10 of the agenda packet.

Ardell Galbreth, Executive Director reported that LCCCCF was removed from high risk status upon settling their outstanding debt for disallowed costs. LCCCCF identified unbilled WIA costs from the prior years' contract. WC validated the costs and submitted a reimbursement, which in addition to the payment LCCCCF had already made covered the outstanding debt. Ardell stated that WC has no doubt that moving forward LCCCCF will do very well fiscally and programmatically. Brief discussion ensued.

Stavan Corbett disclosed his relationship with the Latin Chamber of Commerce Board and recused himself from voting.

A motion was made to approve staff's recommendation to award Latin Chamber of Commerce Community Foundation a WIA Youth contract in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 to serve 100 Out-of-School Youth for the term of February 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014 by Mujahid Ramadan and seconded by Tommy Rowe. Stavan Corbett abstained. Motion carried.

5. INFORMATION: Awards & Expenditures Report

Jim Kostecki, Finance Manager presented the Awards & Expenditures report dated December 31, 2013 provided on page 12 of the agenda packet.

6. INFORMATION: Youth Funding Plan

Carol Turner presented the Youth Funding Plan provided on page 14 of the agenda packet. The report shows \$412,227 (.52 months) of remaining funds. The report was revised to include a column for the prior year's budget. Carol noted that the prior year's funding should be expended with December's invoices.

7. INFORMATION: WIA Youth Client Demographics Report

Ricardo presented the WIA Youth Client Demographics report provided on page 16 – 17 of the agenda packet. Mr. Ramadan requested staff to include household demographics and data for the offender population. Discussion ensued regarding the significant difference in population by gender.

8. INFORMATION: Youth Department Director's Report ~ Ricardo Villalobos

Ricardo reported that Workforce Connections is in the process of submitting an application for the Youth Career Connect Grant released by the Department of Labor for \$100,000,000. The purpose of the grant is to provide services for in school youth, centered on industries with high rates of US H-1B Visas (non-immigrant visa that allows US companies to employ foreign workers in specialty occupations that require theoretical or technical expertise in specialized fields such as in architecture, engineering, mathematics, science, and medicine). The goal is to develop a skilled "home grown" workforce starting at the high school level to meet the workforce demands in these specialized fields for years to come. WC is submitting a proposal for \$7,000,000 in partnership with Clark County School District, College of Southern Nevada, UNLV (tentatively) The Lindsey Institute, and System for Information Management (consortium of IT organizations, executives and experts). The proposal is based on the IT field and focuses on integrated career and academic learning, individualized counseling, work experience, specifically computer programming and

system analysts, sustainability and performance. Yesterday, staff met with Congressman Steven Horsford, who has agreed to support and advocate for WC. Discussion ensued.

Ardell reported that WC failed the Youth Literacy/Numeracy performance measure at 28%. Last year, DETR and DOL increased this measure from 29% to 41%. WC made a conscious decision to serve populations hardest to serve, including youth with disabilities and foster youth and will continue to do so. Moving forward, WC will strive to increase performance, meanwhile there is a possibility that DETR and DOL may decrease the measure. Staff is working on developing a vehicle to help manage performance that has real time performance data on all the measures so that staff and the service providers know what areas they need to work on. Neither DETR nor DOL have these tools in place.

9. INFORMATION: Lincoln County School District WIA Youth Program Presentation

Darby Porter provided a presentation regarding Lincoln County's Youth Program and shared some participant success stories. Lincoln County Youth Program has a strong partnership with the school district and shares access to the school's online data system students' grades, schedules, progress reports, income level, etc. Lincoln County Youth Program works closely with community employers who provide work experiences for the youth; however, there are few jobs available in Lincoln County, and many youth are encouraged to relocate outside Lincoln County to achieve college and/or career goals.

Stavan Corbett gave kudos to the Lincoln County Youth Program and Tommy Rowe who has long been an advocate for Lincoln County's growth and innovation.

10. SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION

None

11. INFORMATION: Youth Council Member Comments

Stavan Corbett proposed, at a future meeting, the Youth Council engage in a work session type of meeting where they can identify best practices and engage in conversation for working more collaboratively with the funded partners and provide the opportunity for seamless resources and continuity. Corbett highlighted Virginia's *21 Leadership Rules* certificate program that has industry inspired, soft-skilled benchmarks based on what the employers say they need.

12. ACTION: Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 12:25 p.m. by Mujahid Ramadan and seconded by Lt. Jack Owen. Motion carried.