

**WORKFORCE CONNECTIONS  
YOUTH COUNCIL  
MINUTES**

**January 14, 2015  
11:00 a.m.**

**Rosalie Boulware Bronze & Silver Conference Room  
6330 W. Charleston Blvd., Ste. 150  
Las Vegas, NV 89146**

**Members Present**

Sonja Holloway, Chair	Tommy Rowe	Vida Chan Lin (phone)	Liberty Leavitt
Dan Rose	Jack Martin	Mujahid Ramadan	

**Members Absent**

Stavan Corbett	Willie J. Fields	Lt. Jack Owen
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**Staff Present**

Ardell Galbreth	Suzanne Potter	Heather DeSart	Ricardo Villalobos
Brett Miller	Jim Kostecki		

**Others Present**

Carol Turner, CST Project Consulting	Dr. Tiffany Tyler, Nevada Partners, Inc.
Helicia Thomas, GNJ Family Life Center	Jeramey Pickett, Nevada Partners, Inc.
Mitch Rosin, Educational Testing Service	Susan Woodward, Educational Testing Service
Tenesha McCulloch, Goodwill of Southern Nevada	Kelli Mosley, Olive Crest
Amy Armendariz, Olive Crest	Will Reed, HELP of Southern Nevada
Arcadio Bolanos, AHD	Loyd Platson, NyECC
Cameron Miller, Nevada Partners/Studio 11 Films	Jennifer Bevacqua, Olive Crest

It should be noted that all attendees may not be listed above.

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

Chair Sonja Holloway called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m. 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 Dan Rose. Motion carried.*

**3. FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION:**

Mitch Rosin, Educational Testing Service introduced himself and stated that ETS is the provider for the replacement test for the GED in Clark County called the HiSET.

**4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: Approve the Youth Council minutes of October 8, 2014**

The minutes are provided on page 5-7 of the agenda packet.

*A motion was made to approve the Youth Council minutes of October 8, 2014 by Jack Martin and seconded by Mujahid Ramadan. Motion carried.*

**5. INFORMATION: Awards & Expenditures Report – Monthly Update**

Jim Kostecki, staff presented the Awards & Expenditures Report (pg. 9) for invoices through November 2014. Mr. Kostecki reported low expenditures for St. Jude's Ranch for Children (9.6%)

which should be 40% at five months into the contract. Staff is working closely with St. Jude's to help get the program up and running.

Chair Holloway inquired about Latin Chamber of Commerce Community Foundation. Mr. KostECKI stated that LCCCF's contract ended on November 30, 2014 and the remaining balance was awarded to Academy of Human Development to continue the program and serve existing clients. Discussion ensued.

**6. INFORMATION: Funding Plan – Monthly Update**

Brett Miller presented the Funding Plan through December 30, 2014 provided on page 11 of the agenda packet. The report shows a remaining balance of \$2,465,763 (3.42 months). Brief discussion ensued regarding spending trends, SNRHA's expenditures, and funding projections for WIA-WIOA RFP.

Carol Turner, WC consultant stated that PY13 funds (\$1.1M remaining) must be spent by June 2015 or be recaptured by the state.

**7. INFORMATION: Timely Data Entry Report**

Mr. Miller presented the Timely Data Entry Report provided on page 13 of the agenda packet. The report reflects 97.1% on-time data entry overall. Brief discussion ensued regarding the types of information tracked and the impact timely data has on performance overall.

**8. INFORMATION: WIA-WIOA RFP**

Ricardo Villalobos provided a brief overview of the WIA-WIOA transitional RFP and key changes for youth under WIOA. Discussion ensued regarding the shift in funding and impact on current programs. A summary is provided on page 15-16 of the agenda packet.

**9. INFORMATION: Workforce Connections' Website Update/Youth Presentation**

Mr. Villalobos provided a brief demonstration on the updated Workforce Connections website.

**10. PRESENTATION: Olive Crest Youth Presentation**

Kelli Mosley, Olive Crest shared a presentation highlighting the Project Independence Foster Youth program. Following the presentation, two youth participants, Andrew and Elliot, shared success stories.

**11. PRESENTATION: Nevada Partner's, Inc. "Cross Roads" Presentation**

Jeramey Picket, Nevada Partners, Inc. and Cameron Miller, Studio 11 Films provided an overview of the 11ELEVEN11 Youth Filmmakers Program and played the Cross Roads movie trailer. The program description and curriculum is provided on page 30-33 of the agenda.

**12. INFORMATION: Director's Report ~ Ricardo Villalobos, Workforce Development Programs**

Mr. Villalobos thanked the funded partners for their partnership, hard work and dedication, and Jack Martin for his expertise with the youth re-entry population. Mr. Villalobos reported that drop-out recovery and community partnerships is on Youth department's radar, and announced the upcoming RFP 101 Workshop scheduled on Friday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at Workforce Connections.

**13. INFORMATION: Youth Council Member Comments**

Dan Rose thanked youth participants for sharing and announced his retirement in May 2015.

Tommy Rowe encouraged the youth participants to become mentors for other youth.

**14. SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION:**

Will Reed, HELP of Southern Nevada read a letter from youth participant James Dukes regarding his success story with HELP.

Jeramey Pickett, NPI reported 518 youth enrolled in the GAI program for the year-round and summer component, with 15 more youth to be enrolled next week.

**15. ACTION: Adjournment**

*A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 12:29 p.m. by Mujahid Ramadan and seconded by Tommy Rowe. Motion carried.*