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Youth Council Meeting

March 13, 2013

1:00 p.m.

**7251 W. Lake Mead Blvd.
Suite 200 Conference Room
Las Vegas, NV 89128**

Members Present

Sonja Holloway, Chair Dan Rose Willie J. Fields
Stavan Corbett Vida Chan Lin

Members Absent

Lt. Jack Owen

Staff Present

Ardell Galbreth Suzanne Potter Heather DeSart Jim Kostecki
Clentine January Ricardo Villalobos Jennifer Padilla Byron Goynes

Others Present

Donna Bensing, New Horizons CLC	Vincent Miller, Goodwill
Ivan Williams, YouthBuild Las Vegas	Daniela Mierez, YouthBuild Las Vegas
Arneller Mullins, Nevada Partners, Inc.	LaTanya Runnels, Nevada Partners, Inc.
Michelle Hinojosa, Goodwill	Helicia Thomas, GNJ Family Life Center
Leland Sparks, Real TYME Solutions & DFS	Ron Scoggins, Real TYME Solutions & DFS
Tracey Torrence, SNRHA	Suzanne Burke, Southern Nevada Children First
Stacy Smith, Nye Communities Coalition	Dr. Tiffany Tyler, Nevada Partners, Inc.
Michael Simmons, GNJ Family Life Center	Esther Valenzuela, SNRHA
Jennifer Bevacqua, Olive Crest	Denise Gee, HELP of Southern Nevada
Sharon Morales, LCCCF	Renee Cantu Jr., LCCCF

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

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

The meeting was called to order at 11:05 a.m. by Chair Sonja Holloway. Staff confirmed the agenda had been properly noticed and 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 inclusion of any emergency items and deletion of any items**

A motion was made to approve the agenda as presented by Dan Rose and seconded by Vida Chan Lin. Motion carried.

3. **FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION**

Leland Sparks, Real TYME Solutions & Diversified Family Services: Real TYME Solutions built a program that helps case workers with BST PSR hours. The main objective of Real TYME Solutions is Psychosocial functioning as well as building a reunification platform to help foster kids reunify with parents, biological or otherwise, to participate in sporting events to develop a sense of belonging and provide them with a sense of direction. Real TYME Solutions also helps case workers meet the required hours set by Medicaid. Diversified Family Services is a company that deals with case management.

4. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: Approve the Youth Council Meeting Minutes of February 13, 2013**

A motion was made to approve the Youth Council Meeting Minutes of February 13, 2013 as presented by Stavan Corbett and seconded by Vida Chan Lin. Motion carried.

5. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: Approve staff's recommendation to amend Olive Crest's PY2012 contract to award an additional amount not to exceed \$250,000 to serve Foster Care Youth**

Ricardo Villalobos provided an overview of the Olive Crest PY2012 contract recommendation provided on page 12 of the agenda packet. The increase in funding will allow Olive Crest to serve 75 more participants for a total of 150 foster youth served.

A motion was made to approve staff's recommendation to amend Olive Crest's PY2012 contract to award an additional amount not to exceed \$250,000 to serve Foster Care Youth by Vida Chan Lin and seconded by Stavan Corbett. Motion carried.

6. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: Approve staff's recommendation to amend Goodwill of Southern Nevada's PY2012 contract to award an additional amount not to exceed \$250,000 to serve Youth with Disabilities**

Mr. Villalobos provided an overview of the Goodwill of Southern Nevada PY2012 contract recommendation provided on page 14 of the agenda packet. The increase in funding will allow Goodwill to serve 130 additional participants for a total of 260 youth with disabilities served and allow Goodwill to build a more robust and effective program and enhance their service delivery.

A motion was made to approve staff's recommendation to amend Goodwill of Southern Nevada's PY2012 contract to award an additional amount not to exceed \$250,000 by Stavan Corbett and seconded by Dan Rose. Motion carried.

7. **INFORMATION: PY2012 Youth Funded Partner Enrollment Status Report**

Mr. Villalobos provided an overview of the PY2012 Youth Funded Partner Enrollment Status report provided on page 17 of the agenda packet. Mr. Villalobos reported that there was an additional 346 (14%) youth enrolled since last month's report. Last year in a period of 12 months 982 youth were enrolled. This year, in a period of 8 months, 1,633 youth have been enrolled. Mr. Villalobos remarked that the providers rose to the expectations and challenge set upon them and both the Youth Department staff and providers have the conviction and belief to do what needs to be done to help youth in our community. Mr. Villalobos stated that he is looking at other providers around the

country, specifically at the number of youth they serve, and believes he'll find that our enrollment numbers are comparable. Discussion ensued.

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

Jim Kostecki provided an overview of the Youth Awards & Expenditures provided on page 22 of the agenda packet. The PY2012 Youth contracts will be extended to September 30, 2013 to prevent an interruption in services and summer school opportunities. Any remaining funds will be recaptured on September 30th. A Youth RFP will be published for new contracts to commence on October 1, 2013.

Mr. Galbreth noted that the funded partners were given a full year of funds in which they were expected to spend in nine months. This put the funded partners in a bind. However, staff believes the funds will be spent by September 30th or if not the funds will be recaptured and reallocated to funded partners to serve additional clients, with an emphasis on special populations such as foster care youth and youth with disabilities.

Sonja Holloway emphasized that the process needs to change and in the future unspent funds need to be recaptured and reallocated to a funded partner that is able to expend the funds timely.

Mr. Galbreth ensured that staff will work closely with the funded partners to make sure expenditures, service delivery and outcomes are on target and that no funds will be returned to the state because of our failure to expend the funds.

Ms. Holloway asked staff and funded partners to please work together and spend the money because the amount of funds that is currently remaining is concerning.

Mr. Kostecki provided a recap. Workforce Connections received the PY2010 allotment with two years to spend it. By the end of May 2012, there was still PY2010 funds remaining. We received the PY2011 allotment, combined it with the remaining PY2010 funds, and allocated it to the funded partners. By December 2012, both the PY2010 and PY2011 funds were spent. Currently we are spending our PY2012 allotment.

9. **PRESENTATION: 3rd Annual National Job Shadow Day 2013 ~ Byron Goynes**

Byron Goynes provided a presentation on the 3rd Annual National Job Shadow Day event held on February 4, 2013. There were 346 CCSD students from eight high schools that participated in the event that focused on eight industry sectors. The businesses that participated include MGM Grand Hotel, Bellagio, HealthSouth Desert Canyon Rehabilitation Hospital, Creech Air Force Base, Mandalay Bay Hotel, The Learning Center, Bureau of Reclamation, Timet and Tronox. Discussion ensued.

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

Mr. Villalobos reported that staff is working on submitting the YouthBuild Las Vegas (YBLV) grant application, which is due next Tuesday.

Jennifer Padilla provided a brief update on the YBLV program and invited participant Ivan Williams to speak about her experience with the program. Ms. Williams will be going to Washington D.C. on Monday along with another YBLV participant for the AmeriCorps Leadership

Committee event. This is the first time YBLV has participated in this event. Since joining the YBLV program, Ms. Williams earned her high school diploma and enrolled at the University of Phoenix to earn her Bachelors in Project Management.

The AmeriCorps program awards all YBLV participants \$1,500 for post-secondary education upon completing 100 hours of community service.

Mr. Villalobos reported that YouthBuild USA has a National Council of Youth Leaders that recognizes outstanding Youth Build participants and he submitted a recommendation on behalf of Ms. Williams for her leadership and outstanding behavior.

11. SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION:

Renee Cantu Jr., Latin Chamber of Commerce Community Foundation (LCCCF): Mr. Cantu stated that LCCCF is actively engaged in addressing the issues expressed by the Youth Council and provided a Youth program update. As of March 2013, LCCCF has had 59 youth enrollments for a total of 99 enrollments to date. Mr. Cantu thanked Ardell Galbreth and his staff for the guidance and technical support provided. Also, he expressed thanks to funded partners GNJ Family Life Center, Nevada Partners, Inc. and Southern Nevada Children First for their support and sharing best practices.

Dr. Tiffany Tyler, Nevada Partners, Inc.: Dr. Tyler provided an updated enrollment report. NPI has served 152 In-School Youth and 32 Out-of-School Youth totaling 200. Through the Graduate Advocate Initiative, NPI has served 279 In-School Youth of the 460 projected enrollments. Dr. Tyler is confident that NPI will meet and/or exceed its goals.

Jennifer Bevacqua, Olive Crest: Ms. Bevacqua thanked the Youth Council for supporting Olive Crest in allowing them the opportunity to serve foster care youth.

Stacey Smith, Nye Communities Coalition: Ms. Smith provided a program report. Ms. Smith stated that the money does flow with enrollments but also with the summer work experience and summer school opportunities. The Youth W.E.R.K.S. program has 31 youth enrolled of which approximately 50% are out of school and ten are currently employed.

Denise Gee, HELP of Southern Nevada: Ms. Gee thanked the Youth Council and Youth staff for their support and direction. HELP is serving over 1,000 youth through the In-School/Out-of-School/Rural programs and Ms. Gee said that she anticipates that HELP will expend all of its money.

12. INFORMATION: Youth Council Member Comments

Stavan Corbett commented that the agency needs youth representatives to serve as members on the Youth Council. Staff concurred and stated that it is required that we have youth representation on the Youth Council. Mr. Villalobos referred Byron Goynes to take on the task.

Dan Rose announced that the Sheet Metal Apprenticeship is accepting applications this month. More information is available at www.88training.com. Anyone interested in touring the training center and/or receive a presentation should contact Mr. Rose via e-mail at dan@88training.org.

Mr. Rose commented that in addition to funding services for foster care youth more money needs to go toward training the case workers because it's a little lacking and foster youth is a difficult population to serve.

13. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 12:18 p.m.