

**WORKFORCE CONNECTIONS  
YOUTH COUNCIL  
MINUTES**

**May 13, 2015  
11:00 a.m.**

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

**Members Present**

Sonja Holloway, Chair	Tommy Rowe	Liberty Leavitt	Jack Martin
Willie J. Fields	Capt. Jack Owen		

**Members Absent**

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**Staff Present**

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

**Others Present**

Carol Turner, CST Project Consulting	Jeramey Pickett, Nevada Partners, Inc.
Dr. Tiffany Tyler, Nevada Partners, Inc.	Helicia Thomas, GNJ Family Life Center
Candace Young-Richey, Bridge Counseling	Ron Hilke, DETR
Janice M. Rael, Nevada Partners, Inc.	Vinz Koller, SPRA/WC Consultant (phone)
Arcadio Bolanos, AHD	Kelli Mosley, Olive Crest
Bonita Fahy, SNRHA	Nyeri Richards, Youth Advocate Program
Shay Johnson, New Horizons CLC	Donna Bensing, New Horizons CLC

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 Cpt. Jack Owen. Motion carried.*

**3. FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION: None**

**4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: Approve the Youth Council minutes of February 11, 2015**

Chair Holloway presented the minutes on page 5-8 of the agenda packet.

*A motion was made to approve the Youth Council minutes of February 11, 2015 by Jack Martin and seconded by Willie J. Fields. Motion carried.*

**5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: Approve staff’s recommendation to award and execute the following Youth contracts in the amounts listed for a contract term July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 with an option to renew annually three additional years based on performance and available funding:**

- a. Nevada Partners – One-Stop Affiliate Site North \$800,000
- b. Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority – One-Stop Affiliate Site East \$800,000
- c. HELP of Southern Nevada – Youth Dropout Recovery \$500,000

Ricardo Villalobos, Program Director provided background. Four Youth RFPs were released and responses were received for three, One-Stop Affiliate Sites North and East and Youth Dropout Recovery. There were no responses received for the One-Stop Affiliate Site Southwest. WC contracted with Social Policy Research Associates (SPR) to evaluate and score the proposals. Mr. Ricardo directed the committee’s attention to the proposal scores on page 14 and noted that the scores highlighted in green met the 75% threshold to qualify for recommendation of funding. The proposals that received the highest scores for each of the RFPs are recommended for funding as per staff’s recommendation above. Since there were no proposals received for the One-Stop Affiliate Site Southwest RFP, the amount allocated for this contract has been reallocated to the One-Stop Affiliate Sites North and East contract recommendations to serve more youth in North, East, West, and Southwest areas. All of these contracts will provide training and employment services to the general out-of-school youth population. The Dropout Recovery contract will specifically target youth that have dropped out of school.

Mr. Villalobos reported that existing contracts related to Youth with Disabilities and Foster Youth will be rolled forward based on approval from this committee and the Board next month.

Vinz Koller, SPA was provided an overview of the methodology for the proposal scoring process. The Summary of Methodology and Results of the 2015 Request for Proposal Scoring Process is provided on page 10-14 of the agenda packet.

After some discussion,

*A motion was made to approve staff’s recommendation to award and execute the following Youth contracts in the amounts listed for a contract term July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 with an option to renew annually three additional years based on performance and available funding by Tommy Rowe and seconded by Willie J. Fields. Motion carried.*

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**6. INFORMATION: Director’s Report ~ Ricardo Villalobos, Workforce Development Programs**

Mr. Villalobos reiterated that staff will bring recommendations to the Youth Council to continue existing contracts for rurals, foster youth and youth with disabilities and later this month an RFP will be released for Pre-entry services to youth in partnership with the juvenile justice system.

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

Willie J. Fields inquired about the remaining balance of youth funds. Jim Kostecki, Finance Manager reported approximate contract amounts: \$675,000 for rurals; \$500,000 for foster youth; \$500,000 for youth with disabilities; \$650,000 for Department of Juvenile Justice Services; and \$200,000 for tutoring contracts and noted that that next year’s Youth funding allocation was just under \$6,000,000 and there will be carry-over funds.

Mr. Villalobos stated that all Youth contracts will begin July 1<sup>st</sup> so there will be an overlap for contracts ending September 30<sup>th</sup>.

Liberty Leavitt requested information regarding the affiliate one-stop sites to disseminate to the Principals in the high schools. Mr. Villalobos agreed and noted that the affiliate one-stop sites will be focusing on serving out-of-school youth.

**8. SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION:**

Jeramey Pickett, Youth Director, Nevada Partners, Inc. thanked the Youth Council for the contract award.

Paula McDonald, Youth & Work Program Manager, HELP of Southern Nevada thanked the Youth Council for the collaboration and Workforce Connections staff for providing ongoing technical assistance and holding everyone accountable.

Bonita Fahy, Program Manager, Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority thanked the Youth Council for the contract award.

Big Keith introduced the Bully Bus 702 a community service to prevent bullying by giving youth the tools they need to look out for each other. He currently works with the Urban League, City of Las Vegas, and the Clark County School District, where he serves on the board.

Candice Young-Richey, consultant for Bridge Counseling Associates inquired about roll over contracts and upcoming RFPs and requested the scoring sheet for Bridge's proposal. Ms. DeSart stated that some of the existing contracts serving special populations will be rolled over (rural, youth with disabilities, and foster youth) and an RFP will be released for a partnership with DJJS to serve pre-adjudicated youth.

**9. ACTION: Adjournment**

*A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 11:41 a.m. by Willie J. Fields and seconded by Cpt. Jack Owen. Motion carried.*

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