

**WORKFORCE CONNECTIONS
YOUTH COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**May 14, 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	Dan Rose	Mujahid Ramadan
Tommy Rowe	Vida Chan Lin (phone)	Willie J. Fields	

Members Absent

Debbie Tomasetti	Lt. Jack Owen	Rudee Bagsby	
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Staff Present

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

Others Present

Dr. Tiffany Tyler, Nevada Partners	Sharon Morales, LCCCF
Jeramey Pickett, Nevada Partners, Inc.	Ron Hilke, DETR
Helicia Thomas, GNJ Family Life Center	Stacy Smith, Nye Communities Coalition
Nield Montgomery, The Learning Center	Linda Montgomery, The Learning Center
Stacey Bostwick, SNRHA	Denise Gee, HELP of Southern Nevada
Donna Bensing, New Horizons CLC	Darby Porter, Lincoln County
Kristi Siegmund, Goodwill of Southern Nevada	

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 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 as presented by Tommy Rowe and seconded by Willie J. Fields. Motion carried.

3. FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION:

None

4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: Approve the Youth Council Meeting Minutes of February 12, 2014

A motion was made to approve the Youth Council Meeting Minutes of February 12, 2014 as presented by Tommy Rowe and seconded by Stavan Corbett. Motion carried.

5. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: Approve staff's recommendation to amend Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority PY2012 contract to award an additional amount not to exceed \$50,000**

Ricardo Villalobos, Youth Director provided background. This funding award will serve 25 additional clients for a total number served of 75 Out-of-School youth and 100 In-School youth. The target population is low-income youth residents of SNRHA's publicly assisted housing programs as well as youth transitioning out of Spring Mountain Youth Camp and Red Rock Academy at Summer View Correctional Center. The YES program will provide occupational skills training to 17 year olds who are incarcerated, while they earn their GED and/or high school diploma. The program dates are May 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014. The program summary is provided on page 11 of the agenda packet.

A motion was made to amend Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority PY2012 contract to award an additional amount not to exceed \$50,000 by Willie J. Fields and seconded by Tommy Rowe. Motion carried.

6. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: Approve staff's recommendation to award Lincoln County School District PY2014 contract in an amount not to exceed \$140,000**

Mr. Villalobos provided background. This funding award will serve 31 In-School and Out-of School youth in Lincoln County. The program dates are October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015. This funding recommendation is a result of an RFP process. The program summary is provided on page 13 of the agenda packet.

A motion was made to approve staff's recommendation to award Lincoln County School District PY2014 contract in an amount not to exceed \$140,000 by Tommy Rowe and seconded by Stavan Corbett. Motion carried.

7. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: Approve staff's recommendation to award Nye Communities Coalition PY2014 contract in an amount not to exceed \$310,000**

Mr. Villalobos provided background. This funding award will serve 90 In-School and Out-of-School youth in Nye and Esmeralda Counties. The program dates are October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015. This funding recommendation is a result of an RFP process. The program summary is provided on page 15 of the agenda packet.

A motion was made to approve staff's recommendation to award Nye Communities Coalition PY2014 contract in an amount not to exceed \$310,000 by Stavan Corbett and seconded by Willie J. Fields. Motion carried.

8. **INFORMATION: Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) Program Update**

Mr. Villalobos provided background. A letter from Cloyd Phillips, Executive Director of Community Services Agency (CSA) explaining the compliance issues that resulted in the decision to cease implementation of the JAG program is provided on page 17 of the agenda packet. Mr. Villalobos reported these funds were earmarked specifically to enroll WIA eligible youth. The JAG program will continue to exist to serve non-WIA eligible youth with other funding sources. Ardell Galbreth, Executive Director reported that CSA has already returned the funds to Workforce Connections, which will be allocated to other youth projects. Discussion ensued.

9. **INFORMATION: GAI 2014 Summer School Enrollment Report**

Mr. Villalobos presented the GAI Summer School Enrollment report provided on page 19 of the agenda packet. The report shows the number of enrollments in the program, summer school and youth graduating on time by service provider (HELP of Southern Nevada and Nevada Partners, Inc.) for each of the GAI high schools. The total amount of WIA youth enrolled in the program is 739, of which 123 youth enrolled in summer school, resulting in a total of 616 youth graduating on time, for an overall 83% graduation rate. Mr. Villalobos commended HELP and NPI for an outstanding job.

Mujahid Ramadan asked the Youth Council to explore a policy change that will allow WIA service providers to outreach to out-of-school youth who are on the gang list as there are few existing services available to this population. Mr. Ramadan recommended that Metro's gang force provide a presentation to the Youth Council regarding their methods of addressing this issue. Chair Holloway concurred. Mr. Villalobos stated that there are youth providers contracted to serve specifically out-of-school youth and referred to GNJ Family Life Center, HELP of Southern Nevada and Latin Chamber of Commerce, who is currently looking to immediately enroll more out-of-school youth. Discussion ensued.

Dan Rose suggested staff contact Channel 8 News Now regarding its What's Cool at School segment to highlight the success of the GAI program to the community.

10. INFORMATION: Awards & Expenditures Report ~ Jim Kostecki

Jim Kostecki, Finance Manager presented the Awards & Expenditures report through March invoices provided on page 21 of the agenda packet. Contracts should be at approximately 50% spent. Mr. Kostecki noted that after all contracts end on September 30th, the new policy to close out contracts annually will be implemented. The report reflects no pink papers and/or high risk status issued.

11. INFORMATION: Youth Funding Plan ~ Carol Turner

Carol Turner, Financial Consultant presented the Youth Funding Plan PY13 & PY14 Projections provided on page 23 and 24 respectively. Ms. Turner reported that PY14 projections reflect an approximate 4% decrease in the budget. The PY13 estimated carry forward is \$4M, all obligated with an estimated expenditure date of October 2014. Funds are set aside for In-School contracts (\$1,650,000) and Out-of-School contracts (\$1,600,000). Approximately \$600,000 is available, on top of the plan for existing contracts that is available for all youth funded partners. Recaptured JAG funds (\$350,000) will be rolled over to the next program year for future pending projects.

Ms. Turner will provide Mr. Ramadan at the next meeting, a summary of how Workforce Connections is funded from the feds to the State to provide more detail regarding the criteria affecting the State's youth funding allotment.

12. INFORMATION: WIA Youth Client Demographics Report

The WIA Youth Client Demographics report is provided on page 26 and 27 of the agenda packet.

13. INFORMATION: Nevada Partners Inc. Presentation

Nevada Partner representatives, Jeramey Pickett, Director of Youth Programs and Dr. Tiffany Tyler, Executive Director, provided a joint presentation regarding the Positive Youth Impact Program. A copy of the PowerPoint was provided to the Youth Council and public. Discussion ensued.

Stavan Corbett commended Dr. Tyler for successfully building the Positive Youth Impact Program into an empire over the past decade.

Dan Rose reported that the Sheet Metal Apprenticeship is interviewing 40 applicants, who have passed the test to fill 40 spots in the apprenticeship program. Mr. Rose further stated that he would like to see more high school students and WIA participants enter the apprenticeship program. Mr. Pickett concurred and stated that he would like Mr. Rose to come out to Nevada Partners to provide information to participants regarding the apprenticeship program.

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

Ricardo Villalobos provided a brief update:

- New Youth Council members: Rudee Bagsby, Lowe's Companies (May 2014) and Jack Martin, Department of Juvenile Justices Services (June 2014)
- WC did not win the Youth Career Connect grant award of \$7M
 - 210 proposals were submitted, of which 24 were awarded funds, but no awards went to a Local Workforce Investment Board

- Requested evaluative feedback regarding WC's proposal
- YouthBuild Las Vegas participant selected to serve on the YouthBuild USA National Leadership Council
- Workforce Development Academy youth certificate program to launch in 2014

Stavan Corbett inquired regarding youth representation on the Youth Council; Mr. Villalobos replied that staff is pursuing possible youth candidates.

15. SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION

Helicia Thomas, Chief Operating Officer, GNJ Family Life Center thanked Ricardo Villalobos and Youth staff for providing outstanding leadership to GNJ, specifically for sharing a resource from the Clark County School District to help GNJ develop a best practices curriculum.

16. INFORMATION: Youth Council Member Comments

None

17. ACTION: Adjournment

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