

**WORKFORCE CONNECTIONS
YOUTH COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**June 10, 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	Vida Chan Lin
Mujahid Ramadan	Capt. Jack Owen	Jack Martin

Members Absent

Stavan Corbett	Willie J. Fields	Liberty Leavitt
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Staff Present

Ardell Galbreth	Suzanne Potter	Heather DeSart
Brett Miller	Ricardo Villalobos	Clentine January

Others Present

Arcadio Bolanos, Academy of Human Development	Jeramey Pickett, Nevada Partners, Inc.
Dr. Tiffany Tyler, Nevada Partners, Inc.	Helicia Thomas, GNJ Family Life Center
Ron Hilke, DETR	Paula McDonald, HELP of Southern Nevada
Holly Gatzke, Lincoln County Workforce	Tammi Odegard, Nye Communities Coalition
Janice M. Rael, Nevada Partners, Inc.	Tenesha McCulloch, Goodwill of Southern Nevada
Kelli Mosley, Olive Crest	Sherman Rutledge, St. Jude's Ranch for Children
Lareena Mendoza, St. Jude's Ranch for Children	Peria Lizarraga, St. Jude's Ranch for Children
Jackie Gates, St. Jude's Ranch for Children	Randi Davis, St. Jude's Ranch for Children
Bralaya Wilburn, St. Jude's Ranch for Children	

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 11:03 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 Jack Martin and seconded by Tommy Rowe. Motion carried.

3. FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION:

None

4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: Approve the Youth Council minutes of May 13, 2015

A motion was made to approve the Youth Council minutes of May 13, 2015 by Mujahid Ramadan and seconded by Cpt. Jack Owen. Motion carried.

5. INFORMATION: Awards & Expenditures Report

Brett Miller, Manager, Strategic Planning & Analysis presented the Awards & Expenditures report through April 30, 2015 provided on page 10 of the agenda packet. Current expenditure rate is good at 45.84% system wide.

Ardell Galbreth, Executive Director stated that PY14 funds will follow WIA guidelines and PY15 funds will be under the new Workforce Innovation and Opportunities Act, which requires at least 75% of the funds to be allocated to serve out-of-school youth and in-school youth services will be practically non-existent. Ricardo Villalobos, Program Director stated that Workforce Connections will pursue a waiver but it is his understanding that very few waivers will be approved.

6. INFORMATION: Funding Plan

Mr. Miller presented the Youth Funding Plan for PY2015 Projections provided on page 12 of the agenda packet and highlighted the following:

- \$3,000,000 carry forward from PY2014
- \$5,973,728 in new funds for PY2015 (9.5% decrease from prior year)
- \$8,100,000 projected expenditures for PY2015
- \$799,357 remaining funds (1.31 months)

Mr. Miller noted a correction under rollover contracts for PY2014 Foster Care/Rural Contract (St. Jude's). The report shows \$375,000, but should be \$275,000.

7. INFORMATION: Performance Reports

Mr. Miller presented the performance reports as of June 2, 2015 provided on page 14-15 of the agenda packet and highlighted the following:

- 1,360 in Enrollments
- 64.4% for Attainment of Degree or Certificate (exceeding measure)
- 61.4% for Placement in Employment or Education (meeting measure)
- 34.3% for Literacy/Numeracy Gains (meeting measure at this time, but too close to call)

Discussion ensued regarding out-of-school youth transition. Mr. Villalobos stated that all new youth contracts and rollover contracts are for out-of-school youth services.

8. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: Approve staff's recommendation to award and execute a contract to Lincoln County Grant's Administration for PY2015 in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 for a contract term July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016

Mr. Villalobos provided background and stated that all of the contract recommendations presented today are rollover contracts to continue services in the rural areas and/or to special populations. Lincoln County's scope of work is provided on page 17-18 of the agenda.

A motion was made by Tommy Rowe and seconded by Jack Martin to approve staff's recommendation to award and execute a contract to Lincoln County Grant's Administration for PY2015 in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 for a contract term July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. Motion carried.

9. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: Approve staff's recommendation to award and execute a contract to Nye Communities Coalition for PY2015 in an amount not to exceed \$350,000 for a contract term July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016

Mr. Villalobos reported that this contract will focus on both Nye and Esmeralda Counties and serve a majority of out-of-school youth and some in-school youth. Nye Communities Coalition's scope of work is provided on page 19-20 of the agenda packet.

Mr. Martin inquired about the number of youth to be served for all of these contracts. Mr. Villalobos stated that this will be determined during contract negotiations looking at the number of youth currently being served and based on quality of services for current and new youth.

A motion was made by Jack Martin and seconded by Tommy Rowe to approve staff's recommendation to award and execute a contract to Nye Communities Coalition for PY2015 in an amount not to exceed \$350,000 for a contract term July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. Motion carried.

10. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: Approve staff's recommendation to award and execute a contract to St. Jude's Ranch for Children for PY2015 in an amount not to exceed \$275,000 for a contract term July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016

Mr. Villalobos reported that St. Jude's is a first year partner and serves youth residing in Boulder City and Laughlin, Nevada with an emphasis on foster youth. St. Jude's scope of work is provided on page 22-23 of the agenda packet.

A motion was made by Tommy Rowe and seconded by Mujahid Ramadan to approve staff's recommendation to award and execute a contract to St. Jude's Ranch for Children for PY2015 in an amount not to exceed \$275,000 for a contract term July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. Motion carried.

11. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: Approve staff's recommendation to award and execute a contract to Olive Crest for PY2015 in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 for a contract term July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016

Mr. Villalobos reported that Olive Crest serves foster youth and is in the final year of the three year RFP life. Olive Crest's scope of work is provided on page 25-26 of the agenda packet.

A motion was made by Vida Chan Lin and seconded by Cpt. Jack Owen to approve staff's recommendation to award and execute a contract to Olive Crest for PY2015 in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 for a contract term July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. Motion carried.

12. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: Approve staff's recommendation to award and execute a contract to Goodwill Industries of Southern Nevada for PY2015 in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 for a contract term July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016

Mr. Villalobos reported that Goodwill has a very specific focus on serving youth with disabilities as emphasized in the new Act. Goodwill's scope of work is provided on page 28-29 of the agenda packet.

Mr. Ramadan stated that it is difficult to approve these contract recommendations without the numbers of clients to be served. Mr. Villalobos stated that staff anticipates final negotiations to fall between \$4,000-\$7,000 cost per youth. Discussion ensued regarding incentive/performance based contracts. Mr. Villalobos stated that WIOA allows up to 10% of the funding allocation for performance based contracts.

A motion was made by Mujahid Ramadan and seconded by Jack Martin to approve staff's recommendation to award and execute a contract to Goodwill Industries of Southern Nevada for PY2015 in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 for a contract term July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. Motion carried.

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

Mr. Villalobos reported that the contract close out process begins on June 30, 2015, over 1,000 youth will be transferred to new service providers based on geographic locations, and WC is moving forward with a PY2015 contract for juvenile justice services.

14. INFORMATION: Youth Council Member Comments

Jack Martin commented regarding leveraging resources with CCSD to develop a structured program where out-of-school youth are captured in a more systematic way.

15. SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION:

Sherman Rutledge, St. Jude's Ranch for Children thanked the Youth Council for supporting their youth program and they have new programmatic systems for the WIOA program.

Helicia Thomas, GNJ Family Life Center thanked the entire staff of WC for their support, especially Clentine January for her assistance in helping GNJ successfully perform contractual obligations. Ms. Thomas announced that after 14 years of successfully meeting and/or exceeding performance measures and serving the youth community, GNJ Family Life Center will no longer be providing services under WIA or WIOA after June 30, 2015; however, CEO Bishop James Rogers, Sr. informed her that GNJ will continue to provide services in the community. Ms. Thomas thanked Mr. Galbreth, Ms. DeSart and Mr. Villalobos for their leadership.

Kelli Mosley, Olive Crest thanked the Youth Council for their recommendation and stated that Olive Crest is adding a ten month curriculum to their program next year to tackle the outcomes that are set forth in this program as well as address the basic necessities that foster youth need to survive and be successful in life.

Holly Gatzke, Lincoln County Workforce thanked the Youth Council for the recommendation and shared a participant's success story of receiving a full diploma.

16. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:39 a.m.
