

**WORKFORCE CONNECTIONS  
YOUTH COUNCIL  
MINUTES**

**October 8, 2014  
11:00 a.m.**

*Workforce Connections  
6330 W. Charleston Blvd., Ste. 150  
Bronze Conference Room  
Las Vegas, NV 89146*

**Members Present**

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| Sonja Holloway, Chair | Tommy Row                | Vida Chan Lin   | Liberty Leavitt |
| Stavan Corbett        | Willie J. Fields (phone) | Mujahid Ramadan |                 |

**Members Absent**

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| Dan Rose | Jack Martin | Lt. Jack Owen |
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**Staff Present**

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

**Others Present**

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| Helicia Thomas, GNJ Family Life Center     | Dr. Tiffany Tyler, Nevada Partners, Inc.       |
| Nancy Herrod, Odyssey Charter Schools      | Kristi Siegmund, Goodwill of Southern Nevada   |
| Hilary Nelson, Goodwill of Southern Nevada | Malcolm Rowland, Goodwill of Southern Nevada   |
| Loyd Platson, Nye Communities Coalition    | Stacy Smith, Nye Communities Coalition         |
| Laurie Howard, Odyssey Charter Schools     | Tenesha McCulloch, Goodwill of Southern Nevada |
| Ron Hilke, DETR                            | Susan Vaile, GNJ Family Life Center            |
| Nyeri Richards, Youth Advocate Program     | Neosha Smith, Youth Advocate Program           |
| Will Reed, HELP of Southern Nevada         | Jeramey Pickett, Nevada Partners, Inc.         |

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 11:04 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 Stavan Corbett. Motion carried.*

**3. FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION:**

None

**4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: Approve the Youth Council minutes of September 10, 2014**

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

*A motion was made to approve the Youth Council minutes of September 10, 2014 by Stavan Corbett and seconded by Mujahid Ramadan. Motion carried.*

**5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: Approve staff's recommendation to amend Nye Community Coalition's PY2014 contract to award an additional amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 with an end date of September 30, 2015**

Ricardo Villalobos, Director, Workforce Development Programs presented Nye Communities Coalition's (NyECC) program summary provided on page 10 of the agenda packet and reported that the additional \$20,000 will provide NyECC the opportunity to expend its STEM services throughout Nye and Esmeralda Counties. Discussion ensued. Stacy Smith, NyECC spoke briefly regarding STEM related employers in Nye County.

*A motion was made to approve staff's recommendation to amend Nye Community Coalition's PY2014 contract to award an additional amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 with an end date of September 30, 2015 by Tommy Rowe and seconded by Mujahid Ramadan. Motion carried.*

**6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: Approve staff's recommendation to amend Youth Advocate Program's PY2013 contract to award an additional amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 with an end date of September 30, 2015**

Mr. Villalobos presented Youth Advocate Program's (YAP) program summary (p. 12) and provided background. Nyeri Richards, YAP spoke briefly about tutoring services and incentives and reported Caliente Youth Center and Juvenile Parole and Probation as their main source for referrals, with the possibility of Spring Mountain Youth Camp, whom they have reached out to. Discussion ensued regarding extending services to the gang community.

*A motion was made to approve staff's recommendation to amend Youth Advocate Program's PY2013 contract to award an additional amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 with an end date of September 30, 2015 by Stavan Corbett and seconded by Mujahid Ramadan. Motion carried.*

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

Jim Kostecki, Finance Manager provided an overview of the Youth Awards & Expenditures Report provided on page 14 of the agenda packet.

**8. INFORMATION: Funding Plan - Monthly Update**

Brett Miller, staff provided an overview of the Youth Funding Plan on page 16 of the agenda packet. The report reflects a remaining balance of \$1,017,498 (1.43 months).

**9. INFORMATION: Performance Measures Report – Youth & Re-entry Youth**

Mr. Miller provided summarized the performance reports provided on page 18-21 of the agenda packet. Discussion ensued regarding challenges and barriers associated with serving the re-entry population and initiatives for serving re-entry and individuals involved with gangs.

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

Mr. Villalobos presented the Timely Data Entry report on page 23 of the agenda packet.

**11. INFORMATION: PY2013 Summary of Monitoring Findings**

Mr. Villalobos presented the PY2013 Summary of Monitoring Findings on page 25 of the agenda packet.

**12. INFORMATION: Goodwill of Southern Nevada ELITE Program Presentation**

Goodwill of Southern Nevada presented a video regarding the ELITE Youth Program. The video is available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VaVOKP7bNs0&feature=youtu.be>. Following the video, three participants shared about their experience and success with the program. Goodwill ELITE program summary is provided on page 27 of the agenda packet.

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

Ricardo Villalobos reported on the following items:

- WC launched the Workforce Development Academy launched and completed its fifth course

- Youth staff is researching and compiling WIA Youth program data for surrounding WIBs, including performance measures and outcomes, cost per amounts, and number of youth served, employed, trained, and more. The average cost per is \$4,400 compared to Southern Nevada's \$2,000 - \$3,000 cost per. Idaho (\$3,000) is the lowest and Washington (\$7,000) the highest. Data will be presented at the January 2015 Youth Council meeting.
- Youth Department is assessing target population and areas to serve based on new WIOA requirements for allocating Youth funds (75% Out-of-School Youth and 25% In-School Youth)

**14. SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION**

Jeramey Pickett, Nevada Partners, Inc. thanked the Youth Council for the opportunity to serve youth and reported 163 youth enrolled at the GAI high schools.

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

Tommy Rowe encouraged all to become a youth mentor.

Mujahid Ramadan commented that he would like to see WC hold a special meeting with the Youth Council, board staff and law enforcement representatives regarding gang initiative and public safety.

**16. ACTION: Adjournment**

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