

**WORKFORCE CONNECTIONS
YOUTH COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**October 16, 2013
11:00 a.m.**

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

Members Present

Sonja Holloway	Dan Rose	Vida Chan Lin
Tommy Rowe	Debbie Tomasetti	

Members Absent

Stavan Corbett	Willie J. Fields	Lt. Jack Owen
Mujahid Ramadan		

Staff Present

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

Others Present

Jeramey Pickett, Nevada Partners, Inc.	Dr. Rene Cantu, Jr., LCCCF
Eloiza Martinez, LCCCF	Esther Valenzuela, SNVRHA
Steve Piehl, Youth Advocate Program	Nyeri Richards, Youth Advocate Program
Alfonso Martinez-Perea, Youth Advocate Program	Alane McQueeney Lotz, CCSD Guidance Office
Dr. Tiffany Tyler, Nevada Partners, Inc.	Helicia Thomas, GNJ Family Life Center
Pamela R. Poston, HELP of Southern Nevada	Kristi Siegmund, Goodwill of Southern Nevada
Sharon Morales, LCCCF	Kelli Mosley, Olive Crest
Ron Hilke, DETR	

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

At 11:00 a.m., staff confirmed that a quorum was not present. Chair Sonja Holloway opened the floor to Public Comment (none), and the following items were presented as information only:

- Ricardo Villalobos, Youth Department Director presented the Graduate Advocate Initiative Graduation Report (p. 19) and Southern Nevada High School Report (p. 22).
- Alane McQueeney Lotz, Clark County School District provided a presentation "Gateway to Graduation" regarding graduation requirements, the different types of high school diplomas/certificates, and how to read a transcript.
- Jim Kostecki, Finance Manager presented the Youth Awards & Expenditures report provided on page 26 of the agenda packet.

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

The meeting was called to order at 12:02 p.m. by Chair Sonja 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 by Tommy Rowe and seconded by Dan Rose. Motion carried.

3. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: Approve the Youth Council Meeting Minutes of October 1, 2013

A motion was made to approve the Youth Council Meeting Minutes of October 1, 2013 by Vida Chan Lin and seconded by Debbie Tomasetti. Motion carried.

4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: Accept staff's report on the objectives and outcome measures for Goal 2 – Champion Youth Education, Training and Employment of the Workforce Connections' Two-Year Strategic Plan (April 30, 2013 – June 30, 2015)

Ricardo Villalobos reported the outcomes for Youth Council Goal 2 Champion Youth Education, Training and Employment:

Objective	Strategy/Action	Timeline	Measurement	Outcomes (10/13)	Assignment/Status
2.1. Increase youth high school graduation rate.	Partner w/ educators, employers and community leaders to identify and leverage resources offering holistic, wraparound youth services.	Ongoing and throughout program year.	Receipt of formal presentations and inputs from partners during public committees, councils and board meetings.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> July 2012: HELP of Southern NV Aug 2012: N/A Sept 2012: N/A Oct 2012: Youth Advocate Program Jan 2013: Lincoln County Feb 2013: GNJ Family Life Center Mar 2013: Nevada Partners, Inc. (NPI) Apr 2013: YouthBuild Las Vegas May 2013: Nye Communities Coalition June 2013: Southern NV Regional Housing Authority July 2013: Goodwill of Southern NV Aug 2013: Olive Crest Sept 2013: Latin Chamber of Commerce Community Foundation (LCCCF) 	Youth Council—Due Monthly
	Target hardest to serve youth identified by the Southern Nevada Regional Planning Commission.	Each Program Year	Published Request for Proposals (RFP) and award and execute contracts to qualified, certified partners and service providers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Graduate Advocate Initiative: NPI, HELP (rollover funds) Youth with Disabilities: Goodwill Foster Youth: Olive Crest Re-Entry Youth: Youth Advocate Program 	Youth Council—Due Monthly

Objective	Strategy/Action	Timeline	Measurement	Outcomes (10/13)	Assignment/Status
2.2. Engage and connect youth with career path and employment training opportunities relevant to the identified industry sectors	Design and fund workforce development programs to prepare youth for successful entry into employment and lifelong learning opportunities.	Each Program Year	Published RFPs and award, execute contracts to qualified, certified partners and service providers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Out of School Youth: GNJ, HELP, LCCCF 	Youth Council—In Place
	Promote youth career preparedness and exposure with supported internships, real-world hands-on training and employment experience through local employers.	Ongoing	Reported number of internships per month	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Program Year (YTD): 213 internships Sept. 2013: 29 internships 	Youth Council—Due Monthly; first report due 3 months after goal approval
	Secure local public and private partners with focus on youth education and training opportunities leading to promising careers.	Throughout Program Year	Executed MOUs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clark County School District: GAI United Way of So NV: GAI Habitat for Humanity: YouthBuild LV American Toxicology: YouthBuild LV 8th District Division Court: Out-of-School/ In-School Youth 	Youth Council—Due 3 Months after goal approval.
2.3. Expose youth to STEM skills, training and career pathways.	Partner w/ educators, employers and community leaders to expose youth to the necessary skills of the future workforce.	Ongoing and throughout program year.	Expand the existing STEM youth programs with additional curriculum that is both engaging and local industry-relevant.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “What’s It Mean to be Green” Training STEM Workshops Development of Career Pathways 	Youth Council—In Place

Following a brief discussion,

A motion was made to accept staff’s report by Debbie Tomasetti and seconded by Vida Chan Lin. Motion carried.

10. INFORMATION: Funding Plan – Youth Program

Mr. Kostecki presented the Youth Funding Plan provided on page 29 of the agenda packet. Remaining funds total \$1,445,046 (2.60 months).

11. INFORMATION: Youth Re-Entry Report

Ricardo Villalobos presented the Youth Re-Entry Report on page 31 of the agenda packet.

12. PRESENTATION: Youth Advocate Program ~ Steve Piehl & Nyeri Richards

Steve Piehl and Nyeri Richards, Youth Advocate Program (YAP) provided a presentation regarding their WIA Youth Re-Entry program. The PowerPoint is provided on page 33 – 37 of the agenda packet. Discussion ensued.

Alfonso Martinez-Perea (youth participant) shared about his positive experience with Youth Advocate Program.

Dan Rose invited YAP’s participants to tour the Local #88 Sheet Metal Training Center.

13. SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION

Dr. Tiffany Tyler, Nevada Partners, Inc. commented on the GAI Graduation Report stating that Nevada Partners has already exceeded this year's new performance measures by 17%. Tyler stated that NPI is gravely concerned about their ability to continue to deliver at a high level, due to declining resources. According to Tyler, this year NPI will subsidize its WIA Youth program by nearly \$300,000. Tyler stated that 160 youth enrolled in the In-School Youth program may not receive services after the contract closes out on September 30, 2013.

14. INFORMATION: Youth Council Member Comments

None

15. ACTION: Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 12:53 p.m. by Debbie Tomasetti and seconded by Vida Chan Lin. Motion carried.