

**MINUTES**  
**SOUTHERN NEVADA WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD**  
**BOARD DEVELOPMENT**  
**YOUTH COUNCIL**

Thursday, February 26, 2009  
Grant Sawyer State Office  
555 E. Washington, Ave.  
Las Vegas, NV 89101

Members Present

Ken LoBene, Chair  
Mujahid Ramadan  
Eloiza Martinez  
Margarita Rebolal

James Chaney  
Tanya Manning  
Chanda Cook  
Sonja Holloway

Members Absent

Kirby Burgess  
Bill English  
Charles Perry

Dan Rose  
LaShae Thomas

Staff Present

John Ball, Executive Director  
Rosie Boulware  
Kelly Henwood

Vauna Parr

Others Present

Helicia Thomas, GNJ  
Denise Gee, HELP of SN  
Maurice Reid, Clark County  
(It should be noted that not all attendees may be listed above)

**Agenda Item 1** – Call to order

After a roll call, seven present, a quorum was confirmed.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Ken LoBene. Staff confirmed the meeting had been properly noted and posted in accordance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law.

**Agenda Item 2** - Approval of agenda with the inclusion of any emergency items and deletion of any items  
Motion was made to approve the agenda by Margarita Rebolal and seconded by James Chaney. Motion carried.

**Agenda Item 3** –Approval of meeting minutes of October 30, 2008

Motion was made to approve the meeting minutes of October 30, 2008 by Chanda Cook and seconded by Tanya Manning. Motion carried.

**Agenda Item 4** – Discussion and possible action regarding the Southern Nevada Workforce Investment Board (SNWIB) Strategic Planning update and implications for the Youth Council.

Deborah Campbell, Deborah Campbell & Associates, explained the strategic plan to the Youth Council and the alignment of strategies, innovative partnerships and leverage of resources.

She further elaborated on the board's mission and the strategies that are relevant to the employers in southern Nevada and the job seekers.

- SNRPC Committee on Youth (CoY)
- Youth Council Membership

Motion was made by Chaney and seconded by Ramadan to allow staff to begin discussions with the Committee on Youth to determine the alignment collaboration between the agencies. Motion passed.

**Agenda Item 5** – Discussion and possible action regarding a contract between the SNWIB and Nye Communities Coalition for \$50,000 for PY 2008 and \$175,000 for PY 2009 and forward to the SNWIB for their approval

Kelly Henwood briefed the Youth Council regarding the non-service to the rural areas in the RFP process.

Motion was made by Martinez and seconded by Chaney to forward a recommendation to the SNWIB to negotiate and execute a contract with Nye Communities Coalition for WIA Youth Services commencing PY'08, with a contract term through June 30, 2009 in the amount of \$50,000. In addition, approve a subsequent contract with the same organization beginning PY'09, July 1, 2009 through June 30 2010, in the amount of \$175,000. Total funds: \$225,000 allocated during PY08 and PY09. Motion passed.

**Agenda Item 6** – Discussion and possible action regarding the re-release of the RFP for Transitioning Foster Youth for \$200,000 and forward to the SNWIB for their approval.

Henwood updated the Youth Council regarding the one response to the RFP for Transitioning Foster Youth.

Motion was made by Ramadan and seconded by Martinez to re-release the RFP for Workforce Services to Transitioning Youth in the amount of \$200,000. The RFP will ask for a substantial level of match and leveraged resources as well as a collaborative response to the program design. The RFP will include a requirement to have collaborative structures in place that support the program delivery and on-going systems development. The SNWIB and the Youth Council will agree to support any subsequent collaborative structures, which at a minimum shall occur in partnership with the United Way's Financial Self-Sufficiency Council, the Committee on Youth as well as other funding and policy partners as determined. Motion passed.

**Agenda Item 7** – Discussion and possible action regarding the Economic Stimulus Funding and summer jobs planning

Henwood gave an overview of what is known at the present time regarding the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act 2009. The stimulus package that was signed provides funding for youth programming that includes summer jobs for youth.

Maurice Reid and Ms. Williams, Clark County Resource Management, briefed the Youth Council regarding the Summer Business Institute. It is an 8-week internship program that is available for youth. The youth have to be current sophomores, juniors and seniors in high school. The participants have to have at least a 2.0 GPA. Students are placed with various businesses throughout Clark County, City of Henderson, and City of North Las Vegas, according to their career goals and interests. Mentoring and life-skills training is provided. The program began in 1996 with six students. As of last year, 110 students has been employed.

A request was made by a council member to include English as a second language. "We can build on an existing program which makes a lot more sense than reinventing the wheel."

Shannon West, Regional Coordinator, briefed the Youth Council on the goals of the Southern Nevada Regional Planning Coalition, (SNRPC) Committee on Youth. The SNRPC is made up of elected officials from each of the jurisdictions in southern Nevada as well as a school board trustee. About three years ago, the committee

tackled their first social issue and put together the committee on homelessness. One population whose needs are not being addressed is the homeless youth.

1. Motion was made by Rebollal and seconded by Chaney and forward a recommendation to the Southern Nevada Workforce Board (SNWIB) for approval to negotiate an inter-governmental agreement with the Summer Business Institute to fund a program that will serve a minimum 25 WIA participants recruited from existing WIA programs for an estimated amount of \$65,000 and look at additional other tiers of funding. Work on a second tier of an additional 100 youth of our summer youth money and continue working with DETR for even more flexible Governor's Reserve money and report back to the Youth Council on a monthly basis. Motion passed.
2. Motion was made by Eloiza Martinez and seconded by Rebollal to recommend for approval to release a Request for Interest for Concept Papers for summer services including intermediary functions to recruit youth, employers in addition to direct services to youth that provide summer academic enhancement and subsidized work experiences, crews and internships. Timeline will be met by the next Youth Council meeting and a recommendation forwarded to the SNWIB for approval. Motion passed.

Discussion ensued regarding the negotiation of contracts to fund the increased capacity for summer opportunities to the two existing service providers.

**Agenda Item 8** – Discussion regarding the Youth Council Leadership - Chair and Vice Chair  
Mujahid Ramadan nominated Eloiza Martinez and seconded by Tanya Manning to be the Vice Chair of the Youth Council. Vote was unanimous.

**Agenda Item 9** - Information: Performance Project

John Ball indicated there have been performance issues in the youth area. In the past year we have shifted our approach to a data driven, targeted zip code programming. Staff will report the service provider's performance as a standing agenda item every meeting.

**Agenda Item 10** – Information: Youth Service Providers Contracts Update

Henwood updated the Youth Council on the status of the youth contracts for PY'2008. Action was taken to negotiate transition contracts with GNJ and Nevada Partners.

Denise Gee, HELPSONV serving homeless or near homeless youth informed the Council of the qualified staff Help recently hired. Approximately 23 youth are enrolled. Two youth are enrolled in secondary education training. We are working hard to provide a very solid program for our youth. She also reported the challenges with the NJCOS system.

**Agenda Item 11** – Other Updates from Youth Council Members

Chanda Cook gave a brief report on the PK-20 Educational Access, Equity & Excellence Policy Council she sits on.

**Agenda Item 12** – Citizen Participation

Anthony Snowden noted the board was headed in a positive direction. There needs to be a definite plan for the \$4 million. You need to get the word in the community that we are taking applications for the Summer Youth Employment Training.

Helicia Thomas for the record. GNJ, Greater New Jerusalem, two separate entities. GNJ Family Life Center. In addition, GNJ Family Life Center has serviced over 100 participants last summer for the work experience and are interested to continue to do the same.

**Agenda Item 13** – Adjournment-meeting was adjourned