

MINUTES
SOUTHERN NEVADA WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD
BOARD DEVELOPMENT
YOUTH COUNCIL
Wednesday, May 21, 2009

Members Present

Ken LoBene, Chair
Chanda Cook
Sonja Holloway
Eloiza Martinez
Charles Perry
Margarita Rebollal

Mujahid Ramadan
Dan Rose
LaShae Thomas
Dana Wiggins (by phone until

Members Absent

F. Travis Buchanan
Kirby Burgess
James Chaney
Bill English

Mark Edgel
Tanya Manning

Staff Present

John Ball, Executive Director
Rosie Boulware
Deborah Campbell
Kelly Ford

Kelly Henwood
David Jefferson
Sylvia Spencer
Dianne Tracy

Others Present

Denise Gee, HELP of Southern Nevada
Karl Roston, HELP of Southern Nevada
James Rogers, GNJ Family Life Center
Cyndy Ortiz Gustafson, Clark County Committee on Youth
Kathi Thomas-Gibson, City of North Las Vegas
(It should be noted that not all attendees may be listed above)

Agenda Item 1 - Call To Order- The meeting was called to order by Mr. LoBene at 10:24 a.m. Staff confirmed the meeting had been properly noted and posed in accordance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law.

Agenda Item 2 - Roll Call – Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

Agenda Item 3 - Approval of Meeting Minutes of April 22, 2009. *The committee accepted the no quorum minutes as presented.*

Agenda Item 4- Approval of Agenda with the inclusion of any Emergency Items and deletion of any items. *Motion was made to approve the agenda with the inclusion of any Emergency Items and deletion of any items by Eloiza Martinez and seconded by Dan Rose. Motion carried.*

Agenda Item 5 - Approval of Meeting Calendar- *Motion to move the Youth Council meeting to the second Wednesday of the month at 11:00 a.m. was made by Chanda Cook and seconded by Charles Perry. Motion carried.*

Agenda Item 6 - DISCUSSION: Discussion and possible action to negotiate and execute Youth Contracts funded with PY 2009 WIA Title I Youth (Year Round) to the following organizations*.

- (a) HELP of Southern Nevada
- (b) Nevada Partners for a Skilled Workforce (NPI)
- (c) Caliente Youth Camp

*The amount of funds available is pending state allocations being provided to SNWIB, at least level contract allocations are anticipated.

The council and staff discussed the possibility of extra funding for the providers, how much of their current funding has been used, and how many of their goals for youths served have been met so far.

Motion to not allocate any additional dollars at this point to the existing providers but to revisit the matter in June when new contracts are being discussed was made by Chanda Cook and seconded by Eloiza Martinez Motion carried.

Agenda Item 7 - DISCUSSION: Discussion and possible action to negotiate an amendment to the contract with Clark County School District to add PY 08 WIA Year Title I Youth Funding for summer school services for WIA (year-round) youth in the amount not to exceed of \$40,000 . Total amount of contract would remain at the original amount of \$215,260.

Motion to negotiate an amendment to the contract with Clark County School District to add PY 08 WIA Year Title I Youth Funding for summer school services for WIA (year-round) youth in the amount not to exceed of \$40,000, keeping the total amount of the contract at the original amount of \$215,260 was made by Eloiza Martinez and seconded by Charles Perry. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 8 - DISCUSSION: Discussion and possible action to negotiate an amendment to rural and unincorporated ARRA funded summer contracts:

a) Additional slots for unincorporated Clark County youth with HELP of Southern Nevada in the amount of \$37,500. The total contract amount would increase to \$112,500 and add 15 youth in Sandy Valley/Good Springs/Searchlight/Laughlin. The total number of youth served would increase to 45.

b) Additional educational supports, supervision, and transportation services for rural Nye and Esmeralda Counties, including Tribal Youth Services in Yomba and Duckwater Reservations, with Nye Communities Coalition in the amount of \$30,209. The total contract amount would increase to \$130,209. The total number of youth served would be 40.

Motion to negotiate an amendment to rural and unincorporated ARRA funded summer contracts was made by Chanda Cook and seconded by Margarita Rebolal. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 9 - INFORMATION: Update on Summer Program Implementation

Staff briefed the council on the Summer Program noting that 10% of the 1350 youths have been certified, two trainings have been implemented, a training manual has been provided to the contractors and is online and contracts are being prepared and executed with the service providers.

Agenda Item 10 - INFORMATION: Contractor Update

Asha Jones, Nevada Partners gave an update noting that their agency is looking for placements and encouraging the council if they have contacts who would work well with youth to let her know. She noted that they are looking for experiences that would give the youth the tools they need, be rewarding, and be interesting to them.

Agenda Item 11 - INFORMATION: Youth Policies and Procedures: Executive Committee Review Process

Ken LoBene, Chairman, noted that matters that had been discussed in the past under this agenda item will now be handled by the Executive Committee.

Agenda Item 12 - INFORMATION: Updates from Youth Council Members

Ken LoBene, Chairman stated that one of things that the Executive Committee decided was to limit the size of subcommittees and Youth Council will be limited to nine members. WIA legislation has five categories that must be represented on the council; the current membership will be reviewed to see whose background fits the various categories. In addition, task forces will be created to address specific areas such as helping youth to remain in school.

Chanda Cook informed the council about a field hearing being given by the Congressional Committee on Education and Labor to look at reauthorization of the WIA. NEDF which Ms. Cook is a member of, has been asked to give testimony regarding ways the bill can be changed or modified.

LaShae Thomas, noted GNJ would be having a town hall meeting entitled, "Saving the Children" that evening.

Eloiza Martinez stated she is making arrangements to teach a financial literacy class at Spring Mountain Youth Camp.

Agenda Item 13- Citizen Participation

-Kathryn Duncan, Las Vegas Ward 5 Chamber of Commerce, spoke about the demographics of the ward and outlined some of the needs of the area. Chairman LoBene advised Ms. Duncan to write a detailed letter and the council would see where the various items fit within their mission.

-Louis Napoleon, Impact Development Group, addressed the council regarding the need for reintegration skills for youths being released from incarceration and a support system that addresses their unique situation. Chairman LoBene asked Mr. Napoleon to submit an outline to the council of the type of program he envisioned, and the cost to implement it.

-Monique Harris, Southern Nevada Children First, thanked the council for summer funding for their agency but noted they had a waiting list for services.

-Bishop James Rogers, Sr., GNJ Family Life Center noted that his agency had 200 youths that needed services and hoped the council could find funds to help serve them.

-Barbara Harris, member of GNJ Family Life Center, echoed the desire for services for youths and expressed concerns for the ramifications of unemployment for those youths.

-Jeff Olsen, SJ Digital Homes, addressed the council regarding green jobs and stimulus funds.

-Gary Victorson, citizen, addressed the council regarding a center he is helping to implement for single mothers, returning veterans and formerly incarcerated individuals.

Agenda Item 14 – *The meeting adjourned at 11:46*