

**MINUTES**  
**SOUTHERN NEVADA WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD**  
**BOARD DEVELOPMENT**  
**YOUTH COUNCIL**  
Wednesday, June 10, 2009

Members Present

Ken LoBene, Chair  
Chanda Cook  
Eloiza Martinez (11:09)

Sergeant Mark Sharp  
LaShae Thomas  
Matthew Weinman

Members Absent

Dan Rose  
Sonja Holloway

Staff Present

John Ball, Executive Director  
Kelly Ford  
Kelly Henwood  
David Jefferson  
Dianne Tracy  
Tameca Ulmer

Others Present

Dana Wiggins  
Denise Gee, HELP of Southern Nevada  
Cyndy Ortiz Gustafson, Clark County Committee on Youth  
Ron Hilkie, DETR  
Toni Mims, Southern Nevada Children First  
Karl Roston, HELP of Southern Nevada  
James Rogers, GNJ Family Life Center  
Myesha Wilson, Majestic Behavioral Health  
(It should be noted that not all attendees may be listed above)

**Agenda Item 1** - Call To Order, confirmation of posting, roll call. The meeting was called to order by Mr. LoBene at 11:04 a.m. Staff confirmed the meeting had been properly noted and posed in accordance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

**Agenda Item 2** - Approval of agenda with inclusions of any emergency items and deletion of any items. Agenda Item 4 is being deleted as it is a duplication of Agenda Item 2 ***Motion was made to approve the agenda as amended by Chanda Cook and seconded by Mark Sharp. Motion carried.***

**Agenda Item 3** - Approval of Meeting Minutes of May 21, 2009. ***Motion was made to approve the minutes with the following clarification and correction by Matthew Weinman and seconded by Eloiza Martinez. Motion carried:*** Clarification Agenda Item 6: Council voted to approve level funding, and not to allocate additional funds at this time but to revisit the subject in June when new contracts are being discussed. Correction: Agenda Item 12: Organization is NPDF not NEDF, Chanda Cook is staff, not a member.

**Agenda Item 5** - Information: New Membership & Youth Council Orientation. Chairman Ken LoBene informed the assembly that the Executive Committee had decided to reduce the membership of the Council from 16 members to 9. Of the 9 membership slots there are 5 that have to meet designated WIA categories. Mr.

LoBene asked the council members in attendance to give a bit of information about themselves, and he explained which WIA category they fulfill if applicable.

Staff provided an orientation to the new members; some of the subjects were the functions of the youth council, workforce act requirements, the jurisdiction of the SNWIB, and the neediest areas for youth, location wise.

**Agenda Item 6** - DISCUSSION: Youth Council Planning- Chairman Ken LoBene outlined one of the proposed goals for the Youth Council: to be part of a larger collaborative that serves 5000 youth every summer. He gave a presentation delineating some of the elements to help achieve this goal such as working across boundaries, leveraging efforts, creating positive impact, communicating with youth better, and what are the services required to get to the desired outcomes. Mr. LoBene further noted these topics would help the Youth Council as they commence strategic planning sessions with consultant, Debra Campbell.

Chanda Cook introduced a handout which contained a sampling of the academic needs of a cross section of youths participating in the summer programs. The handout showed the number of credits/classes needed, the number of credits attempted and the number completed. Ms. Cook stated that out of about 140 youths there were only about 19 that were not credit deficient, most were extremely deficient. Ms. Cook commended the Youth Council and WIB staff for proposing that academics be strongly tied in with the summer program this year because it would not be successful if the program is work based only.

**Agenda Item 7** - DISCUSSION: Contracts Update: PY 2009 Contract Negotiation Issues and Youth Council Report Formats. Staff gave background regarding status of PY '09 contracts which are in negotiations right now, and the exploration of what type of format will provide the most complete and pertinent yet concise information to the committee.

The committee had a brief discussion regarding the distinction between education and work and the need to blend the two. Two service providers, HELP of Southern Nevada and Nevada Partners gave information on their programs, and discussed the methods they use to ascertain the additional needs of the youths they serve in order to create a platform for the blending of education and work.

**Agenda Item 8** - DISCUSSION: Youth Workforce Policy Statement on Stimulus Funding

The committee had a discussion regarding the possibility of drafting a letter with a policy statement that would be sent to recipients of stimulus funding. The letter would encourage these recipients/agencies to give consideration to creating jobs for youth in the programs they operate. Chairman Ken LoBene stated he would create a draft of the proposed letter for committee members to edit.

**Agenda Item 9** - Discussion and Possible Action: Public Hearings may be declared open by the Chairperson, as required for any of the items on this Agenda designated for discussion and possible action and forward recommendations to the Southern Nevada Workforce.

- 9.1 Professional Service Agreement. To recommend the negotiation and execution of a contract with Tribal Minds for an amount not to exceed \$10,000 in Outside Agency Grant funding for employer outreach services for summer youth programs and youth job/resource fairs.

Staff provided more information on the needs that service provider, Tribal Minds, would fill for youth who don't get into the summer stimulus funded programs. Following a brief discussion by the committee, ***Motion to recommend the negotiation and execution of a contract with Tribal Minds for an amount not to exceed \$10,000 in Outside Agency Grant funding for employer outreach services for summer youth programs and youth job/resource fairs was made by Dana Wiggins and seconded by Eloiza Martinez. Motion carried.***

**Agenda Item 10** - Citizen Participation

Helicia Thomas - GNJ Family Life Center- Extended a welcome to the new members of the Youth Council. Ms. Thomas gave information on the youth programs they offer, particularly the STARS program – Striving to Achieve Real Success; where youths that have successfully achieved their academic goals volunteer to help youths that have academic barriers to success.

**Agenda Item 11** – Adjournment- ***The meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.***