

MINUTES
workforce **CONNECTIONS BOARD**
BOARD DEVELOPMENT
YOUTH COUNCIL
Wednesday, August 12, 2009

Members Present

Ken LoBene, Chair
Chanda Cook
Sonja Holloway
Sergeant Mark Sharp
LaShae Thomas (via telephone)
Matthew Weinman

Members Absent

Eloiza Martinez
Dan Rose

Staff Present

John Ball, Executive Director
Andy Anderson
Jenaya Butler
Kelly Ford
Tom Dang
Byron Goynes
Kelly Henwood
David Jefferson
Sylvia Spencer
Tameca Ulmer
Wendy Villanueva

Others Present

Gina Gavan, Tribal Minds
Karl Rostron, HELP of Southern Nevada
Asha Jones, Nevada Partners
Tiffani Lloyd, Nevada Partners
Tiffany Tyler, Nevada Partners
Jerrquisha Mothershed, New Antioch Christian Fellowship

(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.

Motion was made to approve the agenda as amended by Mark Sharp and seconded by Matthew Weinman. The motion carried.

Agenda Item 3 - Approval of Meeting Minutes of June 10, 2009. *Motion was made to approve the minutes with the following correction by Chanda Cook and seconded by Mark Sharp. The motion carried.* Correction: Mark Sharp was present at the June 10th, 2009 meeting.

Agenda Item 4 - **ACTION:** Governors Reserve Discretionary (15%) Funded Youth Contracts

- a. Boulder City in the amount of \$162,410
- b. Project WE in the amount of \$150,000
- c. Summer Business Institute in the amount of \$18,750

These are pass-through programs approved by and contracted by *workforce CONNECTIONS* on behalf of the Department of Employment Training and Rehabilitation. These contracts were not awarded as a result of a *workforce CONNECTIONS* ARRA Summer procurement process. Governor's Reserve 15% Funding for programs has been approved by DETR for Victory Baptist Church, Project WE, Summer Business Institute and City of Boulder City.

Kelly Henwood, Youth System & Policy Director, gave a brief overview of the 15% Governors Reserve Discretionary Fund and two of the funded providers, Boulder City and Project WE, and their programs. She further discussed the Summer Business Institute and what elements this funding would be covering. Following this overview, *a motion to approve the Governor's Reserve Discretionary (15%) Funded Youth Contracts was made by Matthew Weinman and seconded by Mark Sharp. The motion carried.*

Agenda Item 5 - **DISCUSSION:** Youth Planning/Innovations Process

Ken LoBene gave a brief recap of a recently held Youth Innovations Conversation, the second of a series, where people gathered together to discuss innovative ways to find employment for 5000 Youth during the summer. Following Mr. LoBene's recap, Deborah Campbell gave an in-depth overview of the Innovations process touching on the purpose and goals of these conversations. Ms. Campbell also related some of the feedback received from the Youth during these conversations; that the label, "at risk", should be dropped and language should include "all" kids, and that the public school system as it stands does not work for kids.

Agenda Item 6 - **DISCUSSION:** "Kids 5000" Jobs Campaign Policy Statement

Ken LoBene gave an overview of the "Kids 5000" Jobs Campaign. Mr. LoBene addressed various municipalities about their reception to incorporating language in their RFP processes that would that provide employment for youth. The Youth Council reviewed a draft of a potential policy statement that gave information on the necessity and importance of investing in the emerging workforce.

Agenda Item 7 - **DISCUSSION:** ARRA Youth Summer Program & Resource Career Fair Update

-Four members of the Nevada Partners Service and Leadership Work Crew gave a presentation to the Youth Council on their program, Youth Jamboree, a peer mentoring program. The youth seek to be positive role models and reach younger kids, enabling them to resist negative peer pressure through mentoring, art, music, sports, entertainment, writing, rapping, and dance.

-Gina Gavan, Tribal Minds, gave the council a recap of the two recently held Youth Career Resource Fairs, the process used, and the tasks accomplished to plan and implement the fairs, the workshops that were offered at the fairs, and the follow-up that was done to capture feedback regarding the fairs.

-Staff gave an overview of a PowerPoint handout. The handout had recently compiled ARRA data that delineated Youth enrolled, age, race, and ethnicity demographics, regional breakouts, school data, and youth mapping. Staff will send the handout to the council electronically as well.

Agenda Item 8 - **INFORMATION:** Award of a federal USDOL YouthBuild grant in the amount of \$699,500

Staff gave an overview of the purpose and history of the YouthBuild program and the types of activities that can be performed under the recently awarded grant. Staff noted that *workforce CONNECTIONS* will administer the grant, Nevada Partners will provide the work component as well as leadership training, counseling and job placement, Habitat for Humanity, Las Vegas and Clark County Housing Authorities will provide the worksites and CCSD Desert Rose High School will provide the educational component.

Agenda Item 9 – INFORMATION: Contractor Update

Staff noted that the Youth Contractors were very excited about getting to know the staff and Board members on a more personal basis and to that end would like it if the various events like the recent Youth Contractor mixer could be worked into people's schedules.

Agenda Item 10 – INFORMATION: Updates from Youth Council Members

Ken LoBene will appear before the North Las Vegas and Las Vegas City Councils to discuss the "Kids 5000" campaign.

Agenda Item 11 – Citizen Participation

None.

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