

MINUTES

**Youth Council Meeting
April 11, 2012
3:00 PM**

Workforce Connections
Conference Room
7251 W. Lake Mead Blvd.
Suite 200
Las Vegas, NV 89128

Members Present

Ken LoBene, Chair	Sonja Holloway	Mark Sharp
Dan Rose	Alex Garza	

Members Absent

Chris Sullivan

Staff Present

Ardell Galbreth	Suzanne Potter	Clentine January	Heather DeSart
Ricardo Villalobos	Jim Kostecki	Carol Turner	Chanda Cook
Jerrell Roberts	Daniel Topete	Tish Carroll	Nicole Jacobs
Byron Goynes	Jennifer Padilla	Kelly Woods	Valerie Sims

Others Present

Kaveida Allen, Clark County Summer Business Institute	Ann Marie Patinio, Westcare Voyage
Diane Koksha, Clark County Summer Business Institute	Arneller Mullins, Nevada Partners, Inc.
Laquila Holly, Nevada Partners, Inc.	Ron Hilke, DETR
Sandra Nicholson, NH Las Vegas	Pamela Posten, HELP of Southern Nevada
Dr. Tiffany Tyler, Nevada Partners, Inc.	Michele Montoya, New Growth Nevada
Sandra Tate, New Growth Nevada	Deandrea Ceccerelli, New Growth Nevada

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

Agenda Item 1 - CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Ken LoBene at 3:00 p.m. Staff confirmed the meeting had been properly noticed and posted in accordance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law. Roll call was taken and a quorum present.

Agenda Item 2 - ACTION: APPROVE the agenda with inclusion of any emergency items and deletion of any items

A motion was made to approve the agenda as presented by Dan Rose and seconded by Sgt. Mark Sharp. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 3 - FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION

None

Agenda Item 4 - ACTION: APPROVE the meeting minutes from the meeting on March 20, 2012

A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes from the meeting on March 20, 2012 as presented by Sgt. Mark Sharp and seconded by Sonja Holloway. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 5 – DISCUSSION and POSSIBLE ACTION: Approve Staff’s Recommendation to Publish a Request for Proposals in an amount not to exceed \$750,000.00 to Transition the In-house Ready for Life Graduate Advocate Initiative to a Funded Partner by October 1, 2012

Rick Villalobos, RFL Systems Director, stated for the record that staff wants to get the Graduate Advocate Initiative program out to a funded partner. Mr. Villalobos provided an overview of things going on and issues with the program, including WIA ineligible youth and authorizing a One-Stop.

Ardell Galbreth, Interim Executive Director, stated that a WIA One-Stop Center serves Adult and Dislocated Workers and cannot be established on a school campus unless it’s a non-traditional school, such as an alternative or charter school. Discussion ensued.

Following discussion, staff was directed to regroup and present a comprehensive plan of options to transition the program at the next Youth Council meeting.

A motion was made to direct staff in 30 days to provide a design mode to transition the in-house Ready for Life Graduate Advocate Initiative to a funded Partner by October 1, 2012 by Sgt. Mark Sharp and seconded by Dan Rose. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 6 – DISCUSSION and POSSIBLE ACTION: Approve Staff’s Recommendation to Extend the Current Graduate Advocate Initiative Staff from July 1, 2012 through September 30, 2012 in an Amount not to exceed \$250,000.00. The extension will allow current staff to continue serving as key liaisons between Clark County School District, United Way, HELP of Southern Nevada, and Workforce Connections as well as to provide continued strategic WIA outreach, oversight of program design elements at designated high schools, youth referrals as needed, assistance in identifying youth that need summer school, and allow for a transition period to the Satellite One-Stop model

Ken LoBene confirmed that the GAI will be transitioned out but not to a Satellite One-Stop model.

In response to Mr. LoBene’s question, Mr. Villalobos replied that this is not a no-cost extension. Carol Turner, Fiscal staff, provided a brief overview of the budget and cost-allocation plan for the program.

Learning that approximately 60% (Admin/Program 26% and 37% of salaries) of the funds go to the agency per the cost-allocation plan, Mr. LoBene stated that it is “abysmal and absolutely unbelievable.” Mr. LoBene stated that it is unbelievable that the agency is taking this money rather than provide services to youth. Mr. LoBene adamantly stated that had this been explained, the Youth Council would never have approved this. Mr. LoBene stated that this program must be transitioned out as soon as possible.

Mr. Galbreth stated that this is why programs were never intended to be run in-house and that the money is to be allocated to the providers. Mr. Galbreth agreed with the Chair, stating that the program needs to be transitioned out with great speed at the same time ensure that no youth are dropped and or services disrupted. Discussion ensued.

Mr. LoBene directed staff to look into whether HELP of Southern Nevada has the capacity to run the program with transitioning the GAC’s salaries to their budget.

After some discussion,

A motion was made to table this item by Dan Rose and seconded by Sgt. Mark Sharp. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 7 – DISCUSSION and POSSIBLE ACTION: Accept Staff’s Recommendation to move the date of the next Youth Council Meeting to May 16, 2012 to allow Evaluators time to review the In-School and Out-of-School proposals and make recommendations to the Youth Council

A motion was made to accept staff's recommendation to move the date of the next Youth Council meeting to May 16, 2012 to allow Evaluators time to review the In-School and Out-of-School proposals and make recommendations to the Youth Council as presented by Dan Rose and seconded by Sonja Holloway. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 8 - DISCUSSION and POSSIBLE ACTION: SBI Funding Request ~ Ardell Galbreth

Mr. Galbreth stated that typical SBI participant is not WIA eligible and therefore in the past, funding for this program has been from the unrestricted Governor's Reserve Funds, which the agency currently has \$75,000.

Kaveida Allen, Summer Business Institute (SBI), provided a brief overview of their program. The SBI program provides an 8-week internship for youth, including sophomore, junior, and senior high school students. The youth receive on-the-job training, life skills, financial planning, mentoring, and a civic engagement component. The SBI program also offers scholarships.

Mr. LoBene asked Ms. Allen next year to consider responding to an RFP for regular Year-Round Youth Program funding as there will be no unrestricted dollars available.

A motion was made to approve the SBI funding request for \$75,000.00 with caveat to enroll youth from the zip codes identified in the Applied Analysis study by Sgt. Mark Sharp and seconded by Sonja Holloway. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 9 – INFORMATION: Ready for Life Systems Director Update ~ Ricardo Villalobos

Mr. Villalobos informed the Board that Lucy Ivins has resigned from her position as Project Special-Youth in Pahrump.

Ken LoBene requested staff to provide an organization chart for the Youth Department. Mr. LoBene offered to write a letter to her.

Agenda Item 10 – INFORMATION: Awards & Expenditure Report – Youth Program PY 2012 ~ Carol Turner

Ms. Turner provided a brief update on the Awards & Expenditure Report which includes payment through February 2012. Staff is working with CCSD – Desert Rose to get them back on track. The provider is working on serving their current clients. The expenditure percentages are off for HELP, Nye, and NPI because of the additional money the agencies received that are good through September 30, 2012. Ms. Turner stated that in about five weeks the agency will have expended last year's funds and will be up to date with current funding.

Agenda Item 11 – INFORMATION: Youth Funding Plan ~ Carol Turner

Ms. Turner provided a brief update on the Youth Funding plan that was created in response to the concerns of the available funds that are available. Ms. Turner walked through the revenues and expenditures for the next four quarters.

Agenda Item 12 –INFORMATION: Green & Healthcare Sector Program Updates

Michelle Montoya from the New Growth Nevada Corporation provided an update on the Youth Healthcare Sector program, wherein New Growth Corporation is the fiscal agent and program operator. The program will be based at Western High School, who are one of the program partners and have agreed to provide training and meeting space and help out with the referrals for youth that attend Western High School. The second partner is Nye Communities Coalition, who will run a separate but very similar program in Nye County. Victory in Action is another partner who will be the prime placement site for summer work experiences and to help out with other work related education and training. Ms. Montoya provided an overview of the program process and status of the program. New Growth staff is meeting

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with agency staff regarding finalizing the budgets, scopes, and contract. New Growth Nevada is looking to get the program started as soon as possible and wants to begin the intake process with high school juniors this school year to get them signed up and begin a work experience this summer and continue on with the other program components, case management, education, etc.

Ms. Montoya stated that New Growth Nevada Corporation actually works for Community Service Agency, which has been around since 1965 doing affordable housing development throughout Nevada. The agency ran this program last year in Reno, through a successful pilot program funded by Governor's Reserve Funds. The program served 35 youth, who graduated and stayed on through the duration of the program. New Growth Nevada encourages the youth to take the college track upon completing the program but many have the skills to go directly into employment in the healthcare field. Ms. Montoya stated that one youth, who said he never thought much about applying to college, recently contacted the agency saying that he'd been accepted to Dartmouth and Harvard and needed help deciding which Ivy League school to go to.

Jaime Cruz, Director – Green Economy Workforce, provided a Green Consortium update. The Green Consortium has been meeting regularly and recently completed the Consortium's MOU between the partners, including Latin Chamber of Commerce Community Foundation, Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority, UNLV Division of Outreach, CCSD Career and Technical Education Division, and Gene Ward Elementary School. The partners are working on their scope of work and program design. Mr. Cruz stated that hopefully in 30 days there will be a signed contract.

Agenda Item 13 – INFORMATION: RFP 101 Survey Response Summary

Sylvia Spencer, Research and Development Director, provided a brief overview of the survey responses for the RFP 101 training that was sponsored by Workforce Connections to educate the community on the RFP process. The response was very positive with a few suggestions for the future to provide coffee and tables for writing.

Agenda Item 14 – INFORMATION: Updates from Youth Council Members

None

Agenda Item 15 – SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION

Stacey Smith, Nye Communities Coalition (NYECC) introduced youth participant Arhalia, who talked about her experience with Nye Communities and how the program has helped her achieve her high school diploma, enroll in college, and find employment.

Arneller Mullins, Nevada Partner, Inc. (NPI) introduced youth participant Laquila, who talked about her participation and positive experience with NPI's youth program.

Dr. Tiffany Tyler, Nevada Partners, Inc. expressed several concerns and frustrations with the agency's lack of support and asked the Board to be more supportive of their efforts.

Agenda Item 16 – Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:39 p.m.