

MINUTES

**Youth Council Meeting
April 24, 2012
8:00 a.m.**

Culinary Academy of Las Vegas
710 W. Lake Mead Blvd.
Parlors C & D
North Las Vegas, NV 89030

Members Present

Ken LoBene, Chair	Sonja Holloway	Mark Sharp
Chris Sullivan	Alex Garza	

Members Absent

Dan Rose

Staff Present

Ardell Galbreth	Suzanne Potter	Clentine January	Heather DeSart
Ricardo Villalobos	Jim Kostecki	Carol Turner	Nicole Jacobs
Jennifer Padilla	Tish Carroll	Linda Yi	Byron Goynes
Celia Diaz	Chanda Cook	Beth Rubins	Kelly Woods
Madelin Arazoza	Valerie Sims	Debra Collins (Phone)	Jaime Cruz

Others Present

L. Kelley, DETR	Rene Cantu, Latin Chamber of Commerce
Denise Gee, HELP of Southern Nevada	Pamela Poston, HELP of Southern Nevada
Earl McDowell, DETR	Dr. Tiffany Tyler, Nevada Partners, Inc.
Linda Johnson, P-16	LaTanya Runnells, Nevada Partners, Inc.
Deborah Howell, Victory in Action	Cloyd Phillips

(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 8:15 a.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 Sgt. Mark Sharp and seconded by Alex Garza. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 3 - FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION

None

Agenda Item 4 – DISCUSSION and ACTION: Approve Staff’s Recommendation to Negotiate and Execute Youth Contracts for the Green and Healthcare Consortium Partners for the period May 1, 2012 through September 30, 2013 for:

- **Green Initiatives for Tomorrow/Latin Chamber of Commerce Community Foundation \$500,000.00**

Jaime Cruz, Director - Green Economy Workforce introduced Rene Cantu, Executive Director, Latin Chamber of Commerce Community Foundation (LCCCF) and Stacey Bostwick, Supportive Service

Coordinator, Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority (SNRHA) who represent two of the partners of the Youth Green Sector Consortium's GIFT (Green Initiatives for Tomorrow) Program. The other partners include, CCSD Career Technical Academy, UNLV Continuing Education, and CCSD Gene Ward Elementary School. LCCCF is the fiscal contractor, fiscal agent, and work readiness and job training provider and SNRHA is the case management and assessment provider. The GIFT Program is a WIA Youth program that will serve at least 100 WIA registered youth in the following zip codes: 89101, 89104, 89106, 89115, 89030, and other low income and high need areas in the Las Vegas area. LCCCF will conduct job placement in relevant Green employment for summer youth participants. SNRHA will conduct case management and ensure that the program is helping youth to prepare for the jobs of tomorrow. Other partners will provide feedback and contribute in various phases of the FIFT program to ensure richness of experience and effectiveness of the program. Program services include: summer work experience with green employers/green jobs; mentoring; alternative secondary school services; occupational skills training; tutoring; leadership development; comprehensive guidance counseling; paid and unpaid work experience opportunities; support services, and follow-up services.

In response to Ken LoBene's question regarding the approximate \$5,000/cost per, Ms. Bostwick replied that the program is unique, partly because it is a consortium with multiple partners who will be working in tandem, making decisions, and with multiple partners there is increased overhead. Ms. Bostwick stated that it's important to know that the dollars that are being requested are not what the full expense is going to be and pointed out a match of \$204,666 in the budget. The program is very in-depth and provides a wide range of services to the youth.

Ms. Bostwick provided a brief overview of the budget. Mr. Cantu briefly described the employer portion of the program. Discussion ensued.

Following discussion,

A motion was made to approve Staff's Recommendation to negotiate and execute a Youth Contract for the Green Consortium Partners for the period May 1, 2012 through September 30, 2013 for Green Initiatives for Tomorrow/Latin Chamber of Commerce Community Foundation \$500,000.00 by Alex Garza and seconded by Chris Sullivan. Motion carried.

- **New Growth Nevada Corporation \$500,000.00**

Debra Collins, Program Specialist I, provided an overview of the Healthcare consortium. Partners include CCSD, Victory in Action, P-16 Council, Nevada Department of Education, Nye Communities Coalition, a youth member from the Nevada Healthcare Sector, and the lead agency New Growth Nevada Corporation. Ms. Collins stated the program has two parts, urban services provided by Community Services Agency/New Growth Nevada, and rural services provided by Nye Communities Coalition (NYECC) and Victory in Action. New Growth Nevada will serve 35 WIA eligible in-school youth, NYECC will serve 10 WIA eligible youth, and Victory in Action will serve between 7 – 10 students for physical therapy. The Consortium selected Western High School as the location for the program but will eventually branch out to other schools.

Mr. LoBene stated he is seriously concerned about the \$11,000/cost per rate and suggested that the \$500,000 for this program instead be moved out to the service providers to serve more youth.

Sandra Tate, New Growth Nevada, stated that the program is based on a successful program in Reno, Nevada for 35 youth. Ms. Tate stated that direct funds of over \$4,430 went to the youth. The program is a continuation of education in skills sets in the medical field.

Mr. LoBene stated that he is not in favor of the program. Alex Garza concurred stating that the cost for such few students does not merit the amount of money. Mr. Garza stated that there are too many students that need services and will be better served with this money.

The Youth Council made a recommendation to divert the \$500,000.00 to the RFP published. Ardell Galbreth stated that staff will work with the provider to look at ways to build capacity in the Healthcare Sector.

A motion was made to deny staff's recommendation to negotiate and execute a Youth Contract for healthcare consortium partner, New Growth Nevada Corporation in the amount of \$500,000.00 by Chris Sullivan and seconded by Alex Garza. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 5 – DISCUSSION and POSSIBLE ACTION: Approve Staff's Recommendation to Publish a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a WIA Youth Summer Component Leading to Year-Round Youth Services in an Amount not to exceed \$500,000.00

Clentine January, Program Specialist I, provided an overview of the staff's proposal to publish a RFP for a summer component. Ms. January explained the idea that the summer component would lead into a year-round program for WIA eligible youth ages 14-19 that focuses on long-term academic and occupational learning opportunities, long-term comprehensive service strategies, and graduation.

A motion was made to Approve Staff's Recommendation to Publish a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a WIA Youth Summer Component Leading to Year-Round Youth Services in an Amount not to exceed \$500,000.00 as presented by Sgt. Mark Sharp and seconded by Alex Garza. Motion carried.

The previous motion was rescinded and a new motion to Approve Staff's Recommendation to Publish a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a WIA Youth Summer Component Leading to Year-Round Youth Services in an Amount not to exceed \$500,000.00 and that the \$500,000 from the Healthcare Consortium be considered in addition to Agenda Item 5 was made by Sgt. Mark Sharp and seconded by Alex Garza. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 6 – DISCUSSION and POSSIBLE ACTION: Approve one of the Following Options to Transition the Ready for Life Graduate Advocate Initiative to Youth Service Provider(s) in an Amount not to Exceed \$1,000,000.00 with Selected Option to be Presented to Workforce Connections Full Board for Approval:

- i. Amend the \$3,260,000.00 Request for Proposals (RFP) Published March 30, 2012 for In-School and Out-of-School Youth Services in an Amount not to Exceed \$4,260,000.00
- ii. Publish a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Year-Round Youth Services in an Amount not to Exceed \$1,000,000.00
- iii. Amend Contracts of Current Youth Funded Partners in an Amount no to Exceed \$1,000,000.00

Rick Villalobos provided an overview of the pros and cons for each of the above options as stated in the full agenda packet and asked the Youth Council to consider one of the options, which will be presented to the Board for approval.

Sonja Holloway confirmed that the contract dates will be July 1, 2012 through September 30, 2013.

Alex Garza commented that the agency currently has good partners that perform very well and they should be considered in this process, as should those who are not performing.

Mr. Villalobos commented on work the Graduate Advocate Coordinators perform as being a vital piece of the program, specifically in connecting with the students at the ten campuses, establishing trust and a relationship with CCSD staff, and building a rapport with the various partners and removing this piece may cause challenges and barriers. Mr. Villalobos reiterated that the Graduate Advocate Coordinator role is the vital piece to this initiative.

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Mr. Galbreth commented that staff will continue to help facilitate the program and stay engaged with the school district even after it goes out to a service provider. Discussion ensued.

Following discussion,

A motion was made to approve to amend the \$3,260,000.00 Request for Proposals (RFP) Published March 30, 2012 for In-School and Out-of-School Youth Services in an Amount not to exceed \$4,260,000.00 as presented by Chris Sullivan and seconded by Sonja Holloway. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 7 – SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION

Debra Collins, Program Specialist I – Healthcare thanked the partners who worked endlessly on the RFI process and stated that she hopes in the future that the agency will bring back some type of healthcare program to educate and train youth in the field and place them in employment in the healthcare sector.

Deborah Howell, Victory in Action and Healthcare Consortium partner, stated that her proposal was for life skills, leadership, and empowerment training, which includes behavior modification and motivational activities to really help youth that come from challenging environment with a great deal of adversity to change their way of life. Ms. Howell asked the Board to consider her proposal in the reallocation of the healthcare consortium funds.

Dr. Tiffany Tyler, Nevada Partners, Inc. thanked the Board for their work, commitment, and the level of detail put forth in analyzing and making decisions about funding and the resources that are provided to the community. Dr. Tyler stated that Nevada Partners is excited about the Youth Summer component and hopes consideration is given the awesome task and successive years of support it takes to graduate youth.

Linda Yi, Project Director Nevada Health Care Sector reiterated Ms. Collins' comments that as the money goes out to the streets, the agency looks at healthcare as being a primary source of employment for youth moving forward. Ms. Yi stated the Nevada Health Care Sector has identified huge shortages in healthcare and the health of the Nation is dependent upon recruiting healthcare workers in all fields. Ms. Yi stated that in looking at Nevada's health history, the State is at a dismal 49 in almost every aspect of healthcare within the State and therefore, it's important for the agency to look at some type of healthcare opportunities for youth.

Agenda Item 8 – Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:04 a.m.