

MINUTES
*workforce***CONNECTIONS**
YOUTH COUNCIL
January 12, 2011

Members Present

Ken LoBene, Chair
Eloiza Martinez
Chanda Cook
Sonja Holloway
Daniel Rose
Matthew Weinman
Chris Sullivan

Members Absent

Sgt. Mark Sharp
Jillian Prieto
Lori Goodwine

Staff Present

John Ball	Tameca Ulmer	Suzanne Potter	Kelly Woods
Sylvia Spencer	Rick Villalobos	Lucy Ivins	Gina Campbell
Byron Goynes	Lori Thomas	Lauren Stewart	Nancy White
Jennifer Way	Kim Colagioia	Asha Jones	

Others Present

Leon Jackson, The NIA Project	Brooke Reid, Nevada Partners, Inc.
Rene Cantu, Latin Chamber of Commerce	Brittany Freight, HELP of So. Nevada
Al White, Symbolic Art	Kerri Dunkelberger, Olive Crest
Ken Lange, Olive Crest	Jennifer Bevacqua, Olive Crest
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(It should be noted that all attendees may not be listed above).

Agenda Item 1 - Call To Order, confirmation of posting, roll call. The meeting was called to order by Ken LoBene at 11:09 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 was present.

Agenda Item 2 - Approval of agenda with inclusions of any emergency items and deletion of any items.
A motion was made to approve the agenda as presented by Eloiza Martinez and seconded by Dan Rose. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 3 – APPROVE the meeting minutes from the Youth Council meeting on October 13, 2010
A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes from the Youth Council meeting on October 13, 2010 by Matthew Weinman and seconded by Eloiza Martinez. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 4 – APPROVE the meeting minutes from the Youth Council meeting on November 3, 2010
A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes from the Youth Council meeting on November 3, 2010 by Matthew Weinman and seconded by Sonja Holloway. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 5 – DISCUSSION and POSSIBLE ACTION

a. ACTION: Election of the *workforce*CONNECTIONS Youth Council Chair and Vice-Chair.

Chair LoBene opened a discussion for nominations for *workforce*CONNECTIONS Youth Council Chair and Vice-Chair.

A motion was made to elect Ken LoBene as Youth Council Chair by Dan Rose and seconded by Sonja Holloway. Motion carried.

A motion was made to elect Sonja Holloway as Youth Council Vice-Chair by Chris Sullivan and seconded by Matthew Weinman. Motion carried.

- b. ACTION: ACCEPT and APPROVE the staff recommendation of a PY10 WIA funded contract with the Latin Chamber of Commerce for the NIA Project Teen Expo in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 to provide work readiness, work experiences, and educational support opportunities for WIA eligible youth.

Kelly Woods, *workforce*CONNECTIONS-Program Specialist, provided a brief background on this item (a program summary was included in the agenda packet). Renee Cantu, Latin Chamber of Commerce (Fiscal agent) and Leon Jackson, the NIA Project Teen Expo Project Manager were in attendance to address questions presented by the Youth Council. Discussion ensued.

A motion to accept and approve the staff recommendation of a PY10 WIA funded contract with the Latin Chamber of Commerce for the NIA Project Teen Expo in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 to provide work readiness, work experiences, and educational support opportunities for WIA eligible youth was made by Eloiza Martinez and seconded by Dan Rose. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 6 – PRESENTATION: Olive Crest

Ken Lange, CEO, Olive Crest provided a presentation to the Youth Council highlighting the foster care services and programs Olive Crest provides (a summary was included in the agenda packet). Jennifer Bevaqua, Program Director, Olive Crest was present to answer questions. Discussion ensued.

Agenda Item 7 – DISCUSSION: *workforce*CONNECTIONS Youth Department Update

Sylvia Spencer, Youth Program Director, *workforce*CONNECTIONS provided a WIA year round services update and briefed the Youth Council on the following items:

1. Year-Round Provider Report (provided on page 19 of the agenda packet)
2. RFP
3. Youth One-Stop Center
4. Teen Parent Project

Nancy White, P5K Program Manager, *workforce*CONNECTIONS provided a program update (a summary was provided on page 20 of the agenda packet). Ms. White provided an overview of the upcoming National Job Shadow Day on February 2, 2011 (a partial list of participating organizations was distributed to the Youth Council).

Agenda Item 8 – INFORMATION: WIA Year-Round Contractor update

Brooke Reid, Nevada Partners, Inc. provided a brief update on the following projects:

1. Boys to Men (for 25 male participants age 14 – 18 years of age)
2. College & Career Community Expo, January 29, 2011 at 11am (open to the public)
3. Batteries Included (coming in February 2011)

Chanda Cook briefed the Youth Council on the Teen Pregnancy, Parenting, and Prevention Summit held at Clark County Social Services on January 11, 2001. The summit was sponsored by *workforce*CONNECTIONS, Nevada Public Education Foundation, and the Committee on Youth.

Agenda Item 9 – Public Comment

Rick Villalobos, Program Manager, YouthBuild introduced new staff, Jennifer Way, Assistant/MIS Data Specialist to the Youth Council.

Agenda Item 10 – Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.