

**MINUTES**  
*workforce***CONNECTIONS**  
**YOUTH COUNCIL**  
**November 3, 2010**

**Members Present**

Ken LoBene, Chair  
Chanda Cook  
Sonja Holloway  
Sgt. Mark Sharp  
Jillian Prieto  
Lori Goodwine  
Corey Hewitt

**Members Absent**

Eloiza Martinez  
Daniel Rose  
Matthew Weinman  
Chris Sullivan

**Staff Present**

John Ball	Tameca Ulmer	David Jefferson
Sylvia Spencer	Suzanne Potter	Byron Goynes
Gina Campbell	Kim Colagioia	Nancy White
Ardell Galbreth	Rick Villalobos	Cornelius Eason

**Others Present**

Tiffany Tyler, Nevada Partners, Inc.	Brooke Reid, Nevada Partners, Inc.
Nicole Jacobs, Olive Crest	Karl Rostron, HELP of Southern Nevada
Loyd Platson, Nye Communities Coalition	Andrew Gonzales, Nye Communities Coalition
Stacy Smith, Nye Communities Coalition	Asha Jones, Ready for Life

(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 11:05 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 with corrections as presented by Sgt. Mark Sharp and seconded by Jillian Prieto.*** Correction to Agenda Item 3a: change ARRA to WIA. ***Motion carried.***

Agenda Item 3 – a. APPROVE the WIA funded contract in an amount not to exceed \$120,000 with the Project WE Foundation, Inc. to provide work readiness training opportunities for current and former foster care youth from September 1, 2010 through January 31, 2011

Jeff Penix, President/CEO, ProjectWE Group provided a summary of the program, description of services provided and population served. ProjectWE's Operation Head to Toe (OH2T) program and its partners provide mentorship, academic achievement, job training, and marketable life success opportunities for at risk youth, specifically current and former foster care youth, age 14 -21 residing in Las Vegas. ProjectWE's partners include Casey Family Programs, UPS, Zappos, Nordstrom's, Vans, AND1Basketball, among others.

Mr. Penix stated that early career awareness will help keep youth engaged in education. Ken LoBene requested that Mr. Penix rewrite his proposal to include goals and strategies for increasing the graduation rate. Discussion ensued.

The amount of funds requested is to support ProjectWE's ongoing program services.

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b. APPROVE the Governor's Reserve funded contract in an amount not to exceed of \$280,000 with the Project WE Foundation, Inc. to provide life skills and work readiness opportunities for current and former foster care youth from February 1, 2011 through June 30, 2011

As printed on the approved agenda, this agenda item is contingent upon approval by the Governor's Workforce Investment Board later this month.

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#### Agenda Item 4 – DISCUSSION: *workforce*CONNECTIONS Youth Department Update

Regarding the Year-Round Contractor's Report, Sylvia Spencer stated that 1,103 youth were served and all performance measures have been exceeded for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of PY2010.

Ms. Spencer provided background on the U.S. Department of Labor Employment & Training Administration Report: State use of the 15 Percent Youth Recovery Act Funds of 2009. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) provided \$1.2 billion for WIA youth activity with an emphasis on creating summer employment opportunities. States were given two years to spend the funds but were heavily encouraged to spend as much as possible during the summer of 2009.

The ARRA funds were distributed to the states and local areas according to the WIA statutory formula, with 85% going to the local areas and states reserving up to 15% for statewide workforce investment activities. The report accompanying this agenda highlights the use of these 15% discretionary funds.

Nevada was recognized as one of the top five states due to its unique components for youth programming, including providing work experiences in business, faith-based organizations, and government as well the partnership with the Nevada Public Education Foundation's Ready for Life movement.

Nancy White provided a P5K update: P5K staff members are currently contacting the people and businesses that showed an interest in National Job Shadow Day following the "Waiting for Superman" movie premier. BLM's U.S. Fish & Wildlife department is interested in sponsoring youth at various locations in Southern Nevada and Carl's Jr. Franchises for Southern Nevada wants to sponsor youth at 29 of their locations. Staff is scheduling follow-up meetings with the Partnership Office at CCSD to work on the logistics for National Job Shadow Day. The Nye County School District has declared National Job Shadow Day as a school event, which will allow P5K to access their school bus transit system. Mr. LoBene encouraged the Youth Council members to refer their business contacts to Ms. White for possible job shadow opportunities.

#### Agenda Item 5 – INFORMATION: Upcoming Events & Updates

November 8, 2010: Drop-Out Prevention Summit at UNLV, with key note speaker former Governor Bob Weiss. To register for event go to [readyforlifenv.org](http://readyforlifenv.org).

December 11, 2010: Economic Summit and Student Leadership Conference at UNLV with key note speaker author Wes Moore. The conference will serve as an inspirational developmental tool for Southern Nevada high school students in pursuit of attending educational and career goals.

Chanda Cook stated that CSN received a grant for \$185,000 to reach out to high school students. Partnered with an expert in a particular subject matter, school faculty will speak to high school students who are interested in that specific subject matter. NPEF partnered with CSN and will recruit the subject experts and school faculty and match them with the students attending the ten participating high schools. NPEF will work with *workforce*CONNECTIONS Youth Manager, Sylvia Spencer, and youth staff to reach out to sector partners for possible subject matter

recruitments as well as reach out to the 700 business partners that the Clark County School District has with through its Partnership Office.

Debra Campbell, Strategy Consultant for *workforce***CONNECTIONS** invited the Youth Council to accept her phone call to discuss and set-up training for the SharePoint business management program to be launched December 7, 2010. All blogs, information and updates regarding the Board, Youth Council and various committee meetings will be communicated through SharePoint.

Agenda Item 6 – Public Comment

None

Agenda Item 7 – Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:27 p.m.