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Youth Council Meeting

November 9, 2011

11:00AM

7251 W. Lake Mead Blvd.

Suite 200

Las Vegas, NV 89128

Members Present

Ken LoBene, Chair Sonja Holloway, Vice-Chair Chanda Cook (Phone)
Dan Rose Sgt. Mark Sharp

Members Absent

Lori Goodwine Chris Sullivan

Staff Present

Ricardo Villalobos Suzanne Potter Clentine January Valerie Sims
Lori Thomas Kimberly Colagioia Gina Campbell Kelly Woods
Cornelius Eason Heather DeSart

Others Present

Latanya Runnells, Nevada Partners, Inc. Belydia Madrid, Nevada Partners, Inc.
Asha Jones, Nevada Public Education Foundation Vernon McBride, Parole Youth Bureau

(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 11:21 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 Sonja Holloway and seconded by Dan Rose. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 3 - First Public Comment Session
None

Agenda Item 4 - ACTION: APPROVE the meeting minutes from the Youth Council meeting on October 12, 2011
A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes from the Youth Council meeting on October 12, 2011 as presented by Dan Rose and seconded by Sgt. Mark Sharp. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 5 – INFORMATION: Ready for Life Graduation Initiative Update ~ Ricardo Villalobos
Ricardo Villalobos, Ready for Life Systems Director, provided an overview of the marketing materials for the Graduation Initiative provided in the agenda packet. The program director and remaining Graduate Advocate Coordinator positions are expected to be filled by December 1, 2011. The program will launch at the targeted high schools in January 2012.

Agenda Item 6 - INFORMATION: Year Round Youth Funded Partner Update ~ Clentine January
Clentine January, Youth Program Specialist, provided an overview of the PY11 Youth Programs and Projects at a Glance matrix provided on page 12 of the agenda packet. The matrix lists the funded partners, the number of youth and population served, services provided, and the amount of funding received for each funded partner. Ms. January stated that most of the funded partners are doing well in all areas and staff is providing training and technical assistance. On December 6th, staff will provide training on effective case note management. CCSD/Desert Rose is

having some difficulty getting their program started and staff is providing the necessary technical assistance. Staff is working with Nevada Partners in regards to serving their carry-over youth.

Agenda Item 7 - INFORMATION: 1st Tuesday Funded Partner Meeting Update / “What’s it mean to be Green?” Curriculum Overview ~ Kimberly Colagioia

Kimberly Colagioia, Program Specialist, provided an update on the 1st Tuesday Funded Partners meetings. The 1st Tuesday meetings are held on the first Tuesday of every month. The meetings are being held at the funded partner’s agencies on a rotating basis allowing each funded partner to network and share about their program with the other partners. The funded partners have the opportunity to discuss what’s working and what’s not working with their programs and address other questions or concerns that may arise. At the meetings, a discussion is held regarding programmatic issues and performance measures to ensure the funded partners understand how the measures are determined and what they need to do to successfully meet performance. At October’s meeting, staff conducted training on the “What’s it mean to be Green?” curriculum and discussed how the funded partners will roll out the curriculum to the youth participants which will be provided under the State Energy Sector Partnership (SESP) grant. All youth participants will be required to complete the curriculum over 15-week training. At the end of the training the youth will take a test and the youth who pass the test with a score of at least 80% will have the opportunity to participate in the green energy simulation in the Green Monster Truck.

Agenda Item 8 - INFORMATION: Youth Re-Entry Update ~Valerie Sims

Valerie Sims, Youth Re-Entry Specialist, provided an update on the Caliente youth re-entry program. Ms. Sims partners with the Youth Parole Bureau in serving 34 youth (16 – 18 years of age) from Caliente Youth Center. The program is a 2 year program that acclimates youth back into the community. Ms. Sims serves as job developer, case manager, program coordinator, counselor, and mentor to the 29 youth currently enrolled. The program’s goal is to have all 34 youth enrolled by January 1, 2012. To date 5 youth have been placed in employment, 1 youth enrolled in post-secondary education, and 7 youth enrolled in high school or adult education.

This month’s activities included interview assessments, intake, registration, follow-up, job development, resume writing workshops, mock interview sessions, securing work experience and OJT contracts and seeking solutions for a one-stop job development center for youth ages 16-18.

Youth Parole Officer, Vernon McBride provided an overview of the youth re-entry program and answered questions. Officer Vernon stressed the importance of the work program to provide youth the skills they need and to provide them with meaningful experiences and opportunities. Officer Vernon estimated that 150 youth are housed at the Caliente Youth Center.

Ken LoBene and Sonja Holloway would like to visit Caliente Youth Center with Ms. Sims.

Agenda Item 9 - INFORMATION: Updates from Youth Council Members

Chanda Cook announced that the Ready for Life Graduate Advocate Initiative is in need of mentors and asked the Youth Council members to step up and mentor a youth and help recruit other mentors.

Agenda Item 10 - Second Public Comment Session

Youth participants from Help of Southern Nevada and Nevada Partners briefly talked about becoming involved with their program, the positive experience and opportunities that were granted to them, and the success they’ve had in reaching their education and employment goals. Both youth had positive things to say about their case managers and the services they’ve been provided.

Agenda Item 11 - Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:52 a.m.