

MINUTES
*workforce***CONNECTIONS**
YOUTH COUNCIL
Wednesday, February 10, 2010

Members Present

Chanda Cook
Ken LoBene
Eloiza Martinez
Matthew Weinman
Sergeant Mark Sharp

Members Absent

LaShae Thomas
Sonja Holloway
Dan Rose

Staff Present

John Ball, Executive Director
Kelly Henwood
Byron Goynes
Rick Villalobos
Cornelius Eason
MaryAnn Avendano
Mike Hopper

Suzanne Potter
Sylvia Spencer
Jenaya Butler
Wendy Villanueva
Heather DeSart
Rosie Boulware

Others Present

Karl Rostron, HELP of Southern Nevada
Denise Gee, HELP of Southern Nevada
Tim Mullin, NPHY
Ron Hilke, DETR
Alan Diskin, Junior Achievement
Isidro Medina

Brittany Freight, HELP of Southern Nevada
Nacol Flores, HELP of Southern Nevada
Lisa Popovsky, AHEC
Kelly Woods, City of Las Vegas
Michael Robertson
Samantha Hurt

(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 11:10 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. *Motion was made to approve the agenda with the deletion of item 8.a Final Report on Summer Contractors by Eloiza Martinez and seconded by Sergeant Mark Sharp. The motion carried.*

Agenda Item 3 - Approval of Youth Council meeting Minutes of January 13, 2010. *Motion was made to approve the minutes as presented by Sergeant Mark Sharp and seconded by Matthew Weinman. The motion carried.*

Agenda Item 4 – PRESENTATION: HELP of Southern Nevada

HELP of Southern Nevada's WIA Manager, Karl Rostron, gave a brief history of their program and introduced three youth clients, Michael Robertson, Isidro Medina and Samantha Hurt, who shared their first connection with the youth center, their positive experiences with the program and the new

relationships formed at HELP of Southern Nevada.

HELP of Southern Nevada is a non-profit organization that specializes in providing programs and services to homeless youth in Southern Nevada.

Ken LoBene extended an invitation to Mr. Robertson, Mr. Medina, and Ms. Hurt to become Youth Ambassadors.

Agenda Item 5 – DISCUSSION and ACTION: Approve the negotiation and execution of a contract with College of Southern Nevada for rural services in Lincoln County, including a youth allocation in the amount of \$120,000

Cornelius Eason gave a brief update on the program that will provide workforce services to older youth and adult/dislocated workers at the College of Southern Nevada Caliente campus in Lincoln County, where there is a high population of youth and adult/dislocated workers needing assistance to get back into the workforce.

A motion was made to approve the negotiation and execution of a contract with College of Southern Nevada in the amount of \$120,000 as presented by Eloiza Martinez and seconded by Matthew Weinman. The motion carried.

Agenda Item 6 – DISCUSSION and ACTION: Approve the negotiation and execution of a contract amendment for AHEC in the amount of \$300,000 of Title I WIA Youth funding for Industry Sector Initiative

Sylvia Spencer and Kelly Henwood provided background on the contract amendment for AHEC in the amount of \$300,000 of Title I WIA Youth funding for Industry Sector Initiative. Lisa Popovsky, AHEC, was queried regarding AHEC's proposed *Futures in Health* program. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made to approve the negotiation and execution of a contract amendment for AHEC in the amount of \$300,000 as presented by Eloiza Martinez and seconded by Matthew Weinman. Chanda Cook abstained. The motion carried.

Agenda Item 7 – DISCUSSION and ACTION: Approve the amendment of Nye Communities Coalition in the amount of \$32,634 to include additional WEX costs

Kelly Henwood provided background on the amendment of Nye Communities Coalition in the amount of \$32,634 to include additional WEX costs.

A motion was made to approve as presented by Sergeant Mark Sharp and seconded by Eloiza Martinez. Chanda Cook abstained. The motion carried.

Agenda Item 8 – DISCUSSION: Planning for Summer Programming

Kelly Henwood gave an overview of summer program planning including how many youth will be served, how much funding is available and how funds will be allocated. The agency is looking at available resources from ARRA; last summer carry-in funds to next summer and submitting a proposal to the State WIB for Governor's Reserve funding to support Project 5000 Kids.

Regarding summer contracts, procurement process begins next month, in which the Youth Council is recommending a no bid process; rather, based on last year's funding, a contractor assessment to establish qualified contractors.

Gina Gavan, Tribal Minds, provided an update on the *workHAPPENS*: Project 5000 Kids campaign. A website, www.workhappens.org, was procured to provide information to anyone interested in supporting the campaign. Mike Hopper designed message cards that will be laminated, distributed in the community upon approval by the Youth Council, along with a two page

informational handout. Both items will be available on the website at www.workhappens.org. A “kick-off” event to launch the campaign is scheduled April 8, 2010 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Historic 5th Street School. Invitations will be sent to 400 people/employers/contractor/partners in the community. Discussion ensued.

Agenda Item 9 – DISCUSSION: Juvenile Justice Re-Entry Planning

Kelly Henwood provided a Juvenile Justice Re-Entry update. As part of this new Federal Act, the Department of Justice (DOJ) recently released a request for proposals for the Second Chance Act Demonstration Sites. There was interest in Clark County Juvenile Services to pursue this funding with support from *workforce***CONNECTIONS**. Clark County, Department of Juvenile Justice Services (DJJS) has decided not to submit an application at this time; however, in working in partnership with *workforce***CONNECTIONS** there will be a planning process over the next couple of months to lay out a blueprint for a comprehensive re-entry strategy for juveniles in Clark County. Cyndy Gustafson/Strategic Progress will support this planning process. Discussion ensued.

Agenda Item 10 – INFORMATION: WIA Year Round Youth Contracts Performance and Expenditures

Sylvia Spencer summarized the WIA Year-Round Contracts Performance and Expenditures report (through February 8, 2010) and the PY2009 WIA Title I Youth Funding Contractor Expenditure Report through January 29, 2010.

Agenda Item 11 – INFORMATION: Resource Development Update

Stacey Wedding is working with Andy Anderson on two grant opportunities, Pepsi and Golden Nugget. Ms. Wedding requested that Ken LoBene give a presentation on Project 5000 Kids for key corporate grant makers in March; exact dates to follow. Ms. Wedding will be meeting with Kelly Henwood and Chanda Cook to discuss possibilities for a temporary 501(c)(3) non-profit organization to accept donations until the agency establishes one.

John Ball advised the Youth Council that additional staff will be contracted, included approximately three account executives and one manager to facilitate Project 5000 Kids.

Agenda Item 12 – Updates from Contractors

Denise Gee, HELP of Southern Nevada provided a program update and responded to Agenda item 10 PY2009 WIA Title I Youth Funding report: HELP is at 28% funding after receipt of an additional \$140,000 on top of the original \$250,000; however, spending will increase with the hiring of one new staff member, a new computer lab, and increase WEX. Ms. Gee noted for the record a discrepancy on the report that should read 241% and not 41% under the Youth with Disability column. HELP recently expanded their Summer Youth program services to include the rural areas and has already received positive feedback.

Agenda Item 13 – Updates from Youth Council Members

Chanda Cook attended the Business Convening for Early Childhood event sponsored by United Way that focused on pregnant and parenting teens. Ms. Cook encouraged the Council to use this research to explore how this fits in with the program and to see how *workforce***CONNECTIONS** can break the cycle of early teen pregnancy.

Sergeant Mark Sharp attended a presentation at the Southern Nevada Regional Planning Committee on Youth on Truancy, a new program in the works with Juvenile Justice and the Clark County School District. According to statistics, youth who are truant from school, receive detention are at a higher risk of ending up incarcerated later in life. The Truancy program objective is to address issues such as this.

Agenda Item 14 – Citizen Participation

Kelly Wood, City of Las Vegas Youth Development expressed thanks to the youth from HELP of Southern Nevada for sharing their experiences and to the Board for funding youth programs like HELP. Ms. Wood recapped by saying that in order for service providers and other recipients of youth funds to effectively meet their goals and targets, youth must receive year-round life skills and experiences to succeed.

Agenda Item 15– Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:57 p.m.