

**MINUTES**  
*workforce***CONNECTIONS**  
**YOUTH COUNCIL**  
**February 9, 2011**

**Members Present**

Ken LoBene, Chair  
Chanda Cook  
Sonja Holloway  
Daniel Rose  
Sgt. Mark Sharp  
Matthew Weinman  
Jillian Prieto  
Lori Goodwine  
Chris Sullivan

**Members Absent**

Eloiza Martinez

**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	Rosie Boulware
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**Others Present**

Tim Mullin, Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth	Brooke Reid, Nevada Partners, Inc.
Nicole Jacobs, Olive Crest	Stacy Smith, Nye Communities Coalition

(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 11:03 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 the deletion of agenda item 4a and 6b as presented by Sgt. Mark Sharp and seconded by Jillian Prieto. Motion carried.*

Agenda Item 3 – APPROVE the meeting minutes from the Youth Council meeting on January 12, 2011

*A motion to approve the meeting minutes from the Youth Council meeting on January 12, 2011 with revisions was made by Matthew Weinman and seconded by Sonja Holloway. Revision: change agenda item 5b to reflect a not to exceed amount of \$100,000. Motion carried.*

Agenda Item 4b – ACTION: ACCEPT and APPROVE the staff recommendation for a no-cost contract extension with the Project WE Foundation, Inc. through June 30, 2011

The Project WE no-cost contract extension will allow additional time for the program's scheduled leadership and entrepreneurial events and workshops to take place up through National Foster Youth Month in May 2011. Completing these activities will increase the probability that Project WE will meet performance measures. Additionally, the contract extension will allow more time to effectively transition the youth to another youth service provider as well as align the contract term to our regular funding year cycle ending June 30, 2011.

*A motion to accept and approve the staff recommendation for a no-cost contract extension with the Project WE Foundation, Inc. through June 30, 2011 was made by Matthew Weinman and seconded by Dan Rose. Motion carried.*

Agenda Item 5 – DISCUSSION: Project 5000 Kids National Job Shadow Day Recap & Next

Nancy White provided a recap of the National Job Shadow Day event and distributed the list of participating businesses, schools and the number of youth served. Ms. White stated that the event was extremely successful with a total of 3,127 job shadow opportunities. Many businesses have already expressed an interest in sponsoring youth for next year's National Job Shadow Day. Ms. White expressed thanks to the Youth Council members, staff, and especially to the P5K Team who worked tirelessly in making the event so successful. Discussion ensued.

#### Agenda Item 6 – INFORMATION: WIA Year Round Contractor Update

Ricardo Villalobos, YouthBuild Las Vegas, commended Nancy White and the P5K team for their spirit and willingness to assist where needed. Mr. Villalobos, briefed the Youth Council on YouthBuild's recent progress and performance: YouthBuild met their enrollment performance measure, achieved 100%; placement in employment/education, 63% (requirement 70%), and exceeded in the attainment of a degree/certificate, 88% (requirement 50%) and literacy/numeracy gains, 56% (requirement 50%). Additionally, YouthBuild has met \$800K of the \$1.3M match required by DOL with approximately a year and a half left to meet the requirement. Mr. Villalobos contributes much of YouthBuild's success to GNJ Family Life Center. Discussion ensued.

Stacy Smith, Nye Communities Coalition provided a program update: Nye's youth workforce program has reached approximately 80% youth enrollment to date; 17 youth are in a subsidized work experience, two are paid by the employer and one unpaid. Nye is leveraging funds with the county and is a recent recipient of Ready for Life funds. Ms. Smith gave kudos to P5K staff member Lucy Ivins for successfully connecting almost 300 of Nye's high school students in a job shadow experience single handedly.

Brooke Reid, Nevada Partners (NPI), provided a program update: NPI is leveraging resources with Clark County to provide their 12-week resiliency and work readiness training at three separate County sites, Cambridge, Whitney, and Bob Price Community Centers as well as the City of North Las Vegas' Silver Mesa Community Center. The free training provides intensive leadership development, education, study skills, and employment readiness.

Nacol Jacobs, Olive Crest, provided a program update: Olive Crest has enrolled 25 youth and assessed 15 with the CASAS assessment; eight youth completed occupational skills training provided by Manpower, and two youth completed their work experience hours resulting in unsubsidized employment opportunities. Most of the youth have housing vouchers, except for two that lost their vouchers due to background issues. Ms. Jacobs stated the youth have significant social and dependency issues that staff is assisting them to work through. Discussion ensued.

Kelly Woods, staff, gave kudos to Stacy Smith, Nye Communities Coalition and Lucy Ivins, staff, for helping with the Tri Counties Coalition (TCC) project. Ms. Woods gave kudos to Brook Reid and Nevada Partners for the Batteries Included program, stating that they do an excellent job working with youth and providing them with the valuable work readiness and career component.

#### INFORMATION: Updates from Youth Council Members

Following a brief discussion regarding Olive Crest's performance issues, Ken LoBene stated that staff must inform the Youth Council of any and all programmatic, fiscal, or performance issues that arise with the service providers, especially if the service provider is a presenter at the meeting so that the Youth Council can ask the appropriate questions of the service provider and address any issues. Staff concurred.

Chanda Cook thanked the staff of workforceCONNECTIONS for their support with last November's drop-out prevention summit. The results of a follow-up survey indicated that 87% of the respondents said that the summit was either very good or excellent and 91% said it would positively influence their work. Ms. Cook publicly thanked Stan Hall and Bridget Phillips for their support and assistance in building a relationship with the school district and contributing to the success of the job shadow day event.

Ms. Cook stated that the Ready for Life newsletter is reaching 1,349 people throughout Nevada and offered it as a vehicle to share positive messages, information, success stories, etc.

#### Agenda Item 7 – Public Comment

None

#### Agenda Item 8 – Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:24 p.m.