

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

Members Present

Chanda Cook
Ken LoBene, Chair
Sonja Holloway
Matthew Weinman
Sergeant Mark Sharp
Michael Robertson, Youth
Samantha Hurt, Youth

Members Absent

LaShae Thomas
Eloiza Martinez
Dan Rose

Staff Present

John Ball, Executive Director
Tameca Ulmer
Byron Goynes
Kelly Henwood
Andy Anderson
Ted Watkins

Suzanne Potter
Ricardo Villalobos
Jenaya Butler
Sylvia Spencer
Rosie Boulware
Mike Hopper

Others Present

Karl Rostron, HELP of Southern Nevada	Stacey Wedding
Donna Romo, DETR	Tiffany Tyler, Nevada Partners, Inc.
Lisa Popovsky, AHEC	Brooke Reid, Nevada Partners, Inc.
Toni Mims, So. NV Children First	Asha Jones, Nevada Public Education Foundation
Monique Harris, So. NV Children First	Rita Morgan, GNJ Family Life Center
Semaj White, GNJ Family Life Center	Helicia Thomas, GNJ Family Life Center

(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 11:08 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 as presented by Sergeant Mark Sharp and seconded by Matthew Weinman. The motion carried.

Agenda Item 3 - Approval of Youth Council meeting Minutes of February 10, 2010.

Motion was made to approve the minutes of February 10, 2010 as presented by Matthew Weinman and seconded by Sonja Holloway. The motion carried.

Agenda Item 4 – PRESENTATION: Dr. Linda Young, CCSD Trustee District C “The Village”

Dr. Linda Young delivered a presentation based on the “Village” concept of educating children,

emphasizing the need for education for all children in the Clark County School District.

Agenda Item 5 – DISCUSSION and POSSIBLE ACTION: a. Youth Representation and Membership on the Youth Council

LaShae Thomas, Youth Representative, tendered her resignation.

A motion was made to approve the resignation of LaShae Thomas as presented by Sergeant Mark Sharp and seconded by Matthew Weinman. Motion carried.

The Youth Council recommends having one voting slot on the Youth Council with the ability for multiple youth representatives to attend and participate at the Youth Council meetings. The youth recommendations to serve are: Michael Robertson, Samantha Hurt, and Isidro Medina. The three youth are participants of HELP of Southern Nevada.

With the addition of the youth members, the Youth Council recommends having Chanda Cook, Nevada Public Education Foundation, represent a non-voting seat on the Board increasing the number of members to ten.

A motion to approve the new Youth Representatives, Michael Robertson, Samantha Hurt, and Isidro Medina and to expand the Youth Council to ten having Nevada Public Education Foundation occupy one non-voting seat was made by Sergeant Mark Sharp and seconded by Matthew Weinman. Motion carried.

b. Summer Contract Recommendations based on Projections and Scenarios

Ken LoBene provided background on the summer contract recommendations based on funding projections and scenarios. All the contractors being recommended competed during a competitive process last spring; the Request for Qualifications has been reviewed by staff and the agencies have demonstrated fiscal and administrative capacity to run a youth workforce program.

In addition to funding availability, contract recommendations are based on the agencies' financial and administrative qualifications. Attached is a list of contractors and their rankings. Discussion ensued.

The Youth Council is recommending staff to discuss and negotiate contracts based on funding projections and scenarios with the condition that negotiated contracts are brought back before the Youth Council for approval to execute.

A motion to approve to negotiate and discuss contracts based on funding projections and scenarios as recommended by the Youth Council was made by Matthew Weinman and seconded by Sonja Holloway. Sergeant Mark Sharp abstained. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 6 – DISCUSSION: Project 5000 Kids: work+HAPPENS Expo

Kelly Henwood provided a Project 5000 Kids update and overview of the work+HAPPENS Expo scheduled for April 8, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. at The Historic 5th Street School. Invitations have been mailed. People can RSVP and find additional information on the website at www.workhappens.org.

Michael Robertson suggested that Youth Ambassadors outreach with other youth to promote the event at school and social networking sites like MySpace and Twitter. Discussion ensued.

Agenda Item 7 – INFORMATION: a. Funding/Development Update

Stacey Wedding provided a Funding/Development update; the agency has applied for several Federal Grants, decisions are pending, and Ken LoBene will be meeting with Corporate Investors next week

regarding employment and funding opportunities.

Mr. LoBene requested that future Funding Development updates include more information regarding grants available and applied for. Ms. Wedding will provide a more comprehensive list at the next Youth Council meeting.

b. WIA Year-Round Contractor Update

Sylvia Spencer provided an overview of the WIA Year-Round Contractor report as shown on page 22 of the agenda. Nye Communities Coalition is progressing with 20 enrollments, which is 20% of the contract. HELP of Southern Nevada is at planned enrollment.

c. Update: WIA Youth Performance Plan

Modifications were made to the State's Performance Improvement Plan to improve Nevada's performance numbers including the alignment of WIA Youth Program designs with Common Measures, Youth Service Provider Training and Technical Assistance, and the development of Discoverer Reports for performance and data analysis, and a revised action plan for *workforce***CONNECTIONS**. Discussion ensued.

John Ball thanked Kelly Henwood, staff, and the Youth Providers for working extremely hard on increasing performance.

d. Update: Las Vegas YouthBuild

Ricardo Villalobos, Director-YouthBuild provided a program update. At nine weeks into the program's 36-week cycle YouthBuild has 36 participants, of which 11 are female. The youth have received their tools, tool belt, and hard hats and are ready to begin working.

The youth are working on a project at Desert Rose High School to build walls made of wood donated by the local Fire Department to train new Fire Fighter recruits.

YouthBuild has partnered with GNJ Family Life Center for the construction training and counseling components.

e. Updates from Contractors

Brooke Reid is the newly appointed Interim Deputy Director at Nevada Partners, Inc. (NPI).

Nevada Partner's Youth Ambassador Program held a focus event on Healthy Relationships; the event was successful.

Ms. Reid extended an invitation to the Board for NPI's Youth Ambassadors' to assist with the Project 5000 Kids campaign and *work+HAPPENS* event as needed.

f. Updates from Youth Council Members

None

Agenda Item 8 - Citizen Participation

None

Agenda Item 9– Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:43 p.m.