

NO QUORUM MEETING

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

Members Present

Ken LoBene, Chair
Sonja Holloway
Sgt. Mark Sharp
Matthew Weinman

Members Absent

Eloiza Martinez
Chanda Cook
Daniel Rose
Jillian Prieto
Lori Goodwine
Chris Sullivan

Staff Present

John Ball
Sylvia Spencer
Byron Goynes
Jennifer Way
Clentine January

Tameca Ulmer
Rick Villalobos
Lori Thomas
Kim Colagioia
Kelly Woods

Suzanne Potter
Lucy Ivins
Lauren Stewart
Asha Jones

Ashok Mirchandani
Gina Campbell
Nancy White
Rosie Boulware

Others Present

Tiffany Tyler, Nevada Partners, Inc.
Brittany Freight, HELP of Southern Nevada
Ronald Dunmore, Nevada Partners, Inc.
Nicole Jacobs, Olive Crest
Leon Jackson, The NIA Project

Donna Romo, DETR
Brooke Reid, Nevada Partners, Inc.
Asha Jones, Nevada Public Education Foundation
Jennifer Bevacqua, Olive Crest

(It should be noted that all attendees may not be listed above).

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Ken LoBene at 11:12 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 not present.

DISCUSSION:

Nancy White provided the following Project 5000 Kids (P5K) update:

A National Job Shadow Day debriefing meeting was held on February 24, 2011. In attendance were representatives from the Clark County School District's Career and Partnership Office, Media Relations Office, and the Career and Technical Education Program as well as the members of the P5K Team. Discussions centered on the success of the event and the positive reactions of the community. The responses of two surveys (one conducted by CCSD and one conducted by P5K) were discussed. As a result of the positive impact this event had on the community, CCSD will be putting the event on the master calendar for the school year 2011-2012.

P5K staff is in process of completing the certificates that will be given to all businesses and schools who participated in National Job Shadow Day.

P5K staff is currently working on a mentoring program.

P5K staff will begin contacting the business community to ask for possible paid and non-paid internship positions for this summer and looking for sponsorships for these positions.

P5K staff is currently updating their business plan which should be completed by month end.

P5K staff is attending the first annual "Building a GRAD NATION" Summit in Washington, DC from March 21-23. This event is being hosted by America's Promise Organization. Discussion ensued.

Youth One Stop Center: “Youth Opportunity Center”:

Sylvia Spencer & Kim Colagioia provided an update: The “Youth Opportunity Center” is under planning; the Walnut Recreation Center has been targeted for the one stop. The goal is to increase the number of youth served and assist youth to (1) attain a secondary credential (2) to re-engage youth who have left to attain a secondary credential (3) attain post-secondary credentials or (4) unsubsidized employment. The one stop will serve area residents and youth attending one of the four schools in the area, Desert Pines, Rancho, Eldorado, and Canyon Springs. The Center will focus on education, and career/job placement and services will be provided by representatives from legal, law enforcement, military, housing, and more. Youth that require intensive services will be referred to other service providers. Additional information is provided on page 27 of the agenda packet.

Discussion ensued.

The Tri-County Coalition (TCC):

Kelly Woods provided an overview of the Tri County Coalition. The goal of TCC is to provide universal access for youth residing in the most rural areas of unincorporated Clark, Lincoln, Esmeralda, and NYE Counties; support the goal of serving at least 5000 Nevada youth in opportunities of (1) education (by supporting efforts to increase graduation rates) (2) employment (by providing opportunities for work readiness and training); and align with the Nevada Ready for Life: Shared Youth Vision Strategic Priorities. Additional information is provided on page 29-30 of the agenda packet. Discussion ensued.

WIA Year-Round Services Update:

Clentine January provided a Youth Year-Round Monitoring overview. The purpose of the youth monitoring is to provide program oversight and technical assistance to youth service providers. The monitoring schedule is provided on page 33 of the agenda packet. Monitoring has been completed for Nevada Partners, HELP of Southern Nevada, Olive Crest and Nye Communities Coalition; monitoring summaries are provided on page 34-39 of the full packet. Chair LoBene requested that staff develop a monitoring report that integrates both fiscal and programmatic monitoring.

PRESENTATION:

Rick Villalobos, YouthBuild Program Manager presented the current performance outcomes for YouthBuild:

Enrollment Rate	100%
Placement in Employment/Education	100%
Attainment of a Degree/Certificate.....	88%
Literacy & Numeracy Gains	63%
Retention Rate	N/A
Recidivism Rate.....	0%

YouthBuild is meeting or exceeding all performance measures. The full presentation is provided on page 12-23 of the agenda packet. Discussion ensued.

INFORMATION:

An RFP will be released for Program Year 2011 in a total amount not to exceed \$3.6 million. The successful RFPs and projects will be aligned with the Youth Council’s ultimate goal, “increase Nevada’s graduation rate” and its interim goals: (1) In-school Youth: Stay in school, make progress and become prepared for post-secondary transition, (2) Out-of-school Youth: Re-engage in secondary education, make progress and become prepared for post-secondary transition, and (3) All Youth: Be exposed to and connected with employment.

The projected allocation of funds is:

Year-Round Formula.....	\$2,000,000
Green/Energy	\$300,000
Tri-County Coalition	\$300,000
Healthcare.....	\$500,000
Transitional Services	\$250,000
Youth Opportunity Center	\$250,000

Service Provider Updates:

Leon Jackson, NIA Project/Teen Expo provided an update: the project is on target; required documents are being finalized; students have picked their presentation topics, such as proficiency, abuse, teen obesity, youth rights, immigration, tobacco, STD & Aids among more. The youth attended MAGIC/GES to meet and learn from exhibitors, and to generate ideas for their exhibits. Upcoming events include a college tour at UNLV. Teen Expo will take place on April 14 at a location to be determined.

Brook Reid, Nevada Partners provided a program update: NPI began their Pathways Program. Through collaboration with Clark County, NPI is providing services to an adjudicated population, including 35 participants currently on probation. The program will assist the participants with restitution supports, and provide them with community service and enriching leadership development opportunities. The services are provided at the Cambridge Recreation Center and Whitney Community Center in Henderson. Also, in collaboration with UNLV, NPI is providing free mental health counseling.

Ronald Dunmore, President of Nevada Partner's Youth Ambassador Program provided an overview of the Ambassador Program. The Program's goals are to inform and get the youth members involved in mentorship, life skills, and leadership programs to build leaders for tomorrow. Their vision is to engage the youth in activities and to have a block party, educational and personal developing focus groups, social retreat and community service projects. Mr. Dunmore stated that the Ambassador Program is a great program and he wants to ensure that all youth know about it and benefit from its services.

Brittany Freight, HELP of Southern Nevada provided an update: HELP recently hired a counselor/tutor who will assist the youth in overcoming barriers to education and employment.

Jennifer Bevacqua, Regional Program Director, Olive Crest shared some success stories.

Tiffany Tyler, Nevada Partners thanked the Board for the opportunity to deliver program services and stated that NPI is leveraging adult/dislocated worker funds for their older youth for occupational training, career assessments, and to find ways to better structure work experience (WEX) opportunities.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 12:37 p.m.