

MINUTES

*workforce*CONNECTIONS
**Youth Council Meeting
Conference Room
July 13, 2011
11:00 a.m.**

Members Present

Ken LoBene, Chair	Chris Sullivan	Eloiza Martinez
Dan Rose	Sgt. Mark Sharp	Lori Goodwine
Chanda Cook		

Members Absent

Sonja Holloway, Vice-Chair

Staff Present

John Ball	Ardell Galbreth	Suzanne Potter	Heather DeSart
Sylvia Spencer	Rick Villalobos	Lucy Ivins	Gina Campbell
Byron Goynes	Lori Thomas	Lauren Stewart	Nancy White
Jaime Cruz	Kim Colagioia	Kelly Woods	Clentine January
Nick Brown, Intern	Joe Marra, Intern	Aisja Allen	Valerie Sims

Others Present

Monique Harris, Southern Nevada Children First	Donna Romo, DETR
Doug Geinzer, Southern Nevada Medical Industry Coalition	Jennifer Bevacqua, Olive Crest
Nicole Jacobs, Olive Crest	Warren Evens, Nevada Partners, Inc.
Vince Pollard, Nevada Partners, Inc.	

(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 11:02 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 Eloiza Martinez and seconded by Dan Rose. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 3 - ACTION: APPROVE the meeting minutes from the Youth Council meeting on June 13, 2011
A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes from the Youth Council meeting on June 13, 2011 as presented by Eloiza Martinez and seconded by Dan Rose. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 4 – DISCUSSION: Review of Planning Summit and current Youth Council Action Plan
Chanda Cook provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Ready for Life movement and review of the Planning Summit. Ken LoBene and Sgt. Mark Sharp attended the Planning Summit. Ms. Cook thanked Chris Sullivan for providing the food. A total of 64 people attended the event.

Agenda Item 5 – DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION: APPROVE the staff recommendation to move forward in developing the Youth Council Strategic planning session including identification and discussion with a consultant/facilitator
Sylvia Spencer read the recommendation. Ken LoBene asked what are the estimated costs and timeline for this request. Ms. Spencer stated that the project will cost less than \$10,000 and the process will be completed in approximately 90 days. The Youth Council agreed to impose a not to exceed amount of \$10,000 to complete this first phase of the Youth Council Strategic Planning Session. Following a brief discussion,
A motion was made to approve the staff recommendation to move forward in developing the Youth Council Strategic planning session, for an amount not to exceed \$10,000, including identification and discussion with a consultant/facilitator by Eloiza Martinez and seconded by Sgt. Mark Sharp. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 6 – DISCUSSION: Project 5000 Kids Update
Nancy White provided the following Project 5000 Kids (P5K) update:

- P5K has now placed 80+ students in summer work experiences. This month nine students were placed at Papa John's, two with Midas, and 19 at Convention Staffing Services.
- P5K attended the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce Business Expo on June 22 at the World Market Center.

- P5K is working on the Nevada Graduation League project with the Clark County School District. Zappos committed to sponsor teams in the P5K Graduation League.
- P5K attended the SHRM convention on June 28th and met with Internships.com; P5K is forming an alliance with them to provide numerous resources to the young people of this community.
- On June 14th, Workforce Connections staff was given a tour of Zappos.com. P5K met with the Zappos Insights group afterward to discuss an intern program. P5K and Zappos have decided to partner to create a revolving eight week intern program. P5K will provide the interns and Zappos will provide them an eight week work experience opportunity.
- P5K received a \$5,000 sponsorship check from Bank of America for our internship program.
- On June 16th P5K met with the City of Las Vegas Park & Recreation Department to form a partnership to certify students to become lifeguards. Next summer P5K will have available positions at various recreation centers, community pools, and pools at many of the big hotels.
- P5K is meeting next week with Target to form a partnership to become a pipeline for student jobs.
- P5K completed a Cooperative Agreement with US Fish & Wildlife for \$10,000 to place four tribal youth in summer intern positions at the National Wildlife Refuges this summer.
- P5K is currently meeting with various members of the community to enlist their support for Nevada Graduation League. Ms. White welcomed referrals from members of the Youth Council of people who might want to participate and support the Nevada Graduation League program.
- On Friday, July 15th, Future Fest is scheduled to take place at Pahrump Valley High School from 10AM – 3PM. Future Fest is a joint program with P5K and Nye Communities Coalition to get businesses and organizations together to share with the youth opportunities for employment, volunteering, and higher education. Lucy Ivins organized and facilitated the event. Future Fest was funded with an Access Grant from the Nevada Public Education Foundation and USA Funds, whose goal is to increase the number of first time and non-traditional students to get experience and get into college.

Agenda Item 7 – DISCUSSION: WIA Year-Round Services Update

Clentine January provided the following Service Provider update: 1) both new and incumbent providers have submitted their proposed Budget and Scope of Work. In the following weeks staff will meet with the providers to negotiate contracts. 2) WIA service provider training will be held on July 21 from 1PM – 4PM at DETR (2800 E. St. Louis, Rooms: A-B-C). Ms. January provided a copy of the training agenda.

Nye County and HELP of Southern Nevada will provide summer work experience and Nevada Partners will provide summer school opportunities for youth enrolled in their programs.

Olive Crest exited with a positive outcome 13 of 25 youth served. The youth received a GED, were placed in unsubsidized employment or have increased their math and reading skills by one grade level.

Nine youth enrolled in the Youth Re-Entry Program upon release from the Caliente Youth Center. One youth enrolled in post-secondary education (CSN Nursing School); two youth were placed in unsubsidized employment; six youth are completing work readiness training. Five WIA youth were selected to participate in the pilot of the S.P.I.R.T. Project, which is a new innovative phone application designed to assist youth who are in distress or have an emergency access emergency resources through the touch of a button on their mobile phones.

Kim Colagioia provided the following Healthcare Sector Consortium update: staff is in the process of putting together a Request for Interest (RFI) document that will be made public to solicit a response from partners, organizations interested in leveraging funds and resources to form a consortium to develop programs for youth in the Healthcare sector. The goal is to publish the RFI by the end of July.

Kelly Woods provided the following Green Economy update: an internal workgroup including program, administration, and management staff was established to begin the process of developing the Green Economy Consortium with local organizations, stakeholders with expertise in the Green sector. The workgroup is in discussion regarding what the demand occupations are, current and future, for Green sector jobs and how to align the youth and adult Green sector programs, services, and resources at the agency level. The green program will have both youth and community involvement. The year-round service providers will be participating in the youth green process by providing their youth with the agency's Green Advantage Curriculum (GAC). The providers will have some flexibility on how they deliver the curriculum; however, all youth will have the opportunity to be involved. Also, the youth will learn about green jobs and career choices that are available.

Jaime Cruz introduced new workforceCONNECTIONS Board member Jennifer Watson. Ms. Watson is the Director of Talent at NV Energy.

Agenda Item 9 – INFORMATION: Service Provider Update

Jennifer Bevacqua, Olive Crest, shared that stakeholders in the foster youth program will be meeting on July 26, 2011 for a debriefing process to discuss the overall program design and process, the needs, goals, and objectives of all partners (Olive Crest,

United Way, workforceCONNECTIONS, Housing Authority, Department of Family Services), and Olive Crest's role as facilitator. Olive Crest is excited for the opportunity and will come back to the Youth Council to provide a report and share some of the results and outcomes of the discussion. Ms. Bevacqua said that foster youth have many barriers and the program overall had many challenges. Ms. Bevacqua thanked the Board and staff for their support in helping them overcome the challenges. As a result the program was successful and many of the youth have great success stories they would like to share and take the opportunity to thank the Board and staff for investing in and improving their lives.

Ken LoBene requested that Ms. Bevacqua work with Clentine January to provide more detailed information on the outcomes for all exited youth. Ms. Bevacqua concurred.

Agenda Item 10 – INFORMATION: Updates from Youth Council Members

On July 14th, *workforceCONNECTIONS* and the Urban League will host a discussion on the state of businesses in Southern Nevada. To date, approximately 80 businesses are registered to attend the discussion. Byron Goynes will host the event and lead a discussion on developing a youth employment component in the business community. The moderators will include Delvin Moore, Marketing Director, Planet Hollywood and Cedric Creer, Board of Regents. The event is being held at Nevada Partners from 9AM – 11AM.

Public Comment

Earl McDowell, Deputy Administrator, Department of Employment and Training stated that he oversees the Sector Councils and that he likes to see youth participate. Mr. McDowell said it is imperative that a youth representative in the areas of Green, Manufacturing, Healthcare, and Hospitality sectors.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:06 p.m.