

**MINUTES**  
*workforce***CONNECTIONS**  
**YOUTH COUNCIL**  
**Wednesday, September 8, 2010**  
**11:00 a.m.**

**Members Present**

Ken LoBene, Chair  
Sgt. Mark Sharp  
Chanda Cook  
Daniel Rose  
Matthew Weinman  
Samantha Hurt  
Sonja Holloway

**Members Absent**

Eloiza Martinez, Vice Chair  
Michael Robertson  
Isidro Medino  
Adriana Pereyra

**Staff Present**

John Ball	Sylvia Spencer	Suzanne Potter	Kim Colagioia
Tameca Ulmer	Byron Goynes	Nancy White	Clentine January
Carol Hicks	Gina Campbell	Lucy Ivins	Diane Lake

**Others Present**

Karl Rostron, HELP of Southern Nevada	Donna Romo, DETR
Tiffany Tyler, Nevada Partners, Inc.	Ron Hilke, DETR
Brooke Reid, Nevada Partners, Inc.	Helicia Thomas, GNJ Family Life Center
Debra Moulton	Bishop James M. Rogers, Sr. GNJ Family Life Center
Tamara West, Department of Family Services	Nicole Jacobs, Olive Crest
Eric James, Fresh Start Family Services	Monique Harris, Southern Nevada Children First
Asha Jones, Nevada Public Education Foundation	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 Chair, Ken LoBene at 11:00 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 Sgt. Mark Sharp and seconded by Dan Rose. The motion carried.***

Agenda Item 3 - Approval of Youth Council meeting Minutes of June 9, 2010.

***Motion was made to approve the minutes of June 9, 2010 as presented by Dan Rose and seconded by Matthew Weinman. The motion carried.***

Agenda Item 4a – DISCUSSION and POSSIBLE ACTION: Approval of the PY2010 Annual Work Plan for the *workforce*CONNECTIONS Youth Department

Sylvia Spencer provided an overview of the Youth Department's proposed work plan for PY2010. The work plan is intended to: inform *workforce*CONNECTIONS (wC) Youth Council, Board and the State Youth Council of the Youth Services Division's activities, strategies, and priorities and promote collaboration between

Youth Services Division, State government, community and other interested parties. In addition, the work plan will achieve sensible and coordinated project and program planning within our service delivery area, improve responsiveness of wC Youth Department, and target limited resources based on clear priorities in order to strengthen the community. The work plan builds on the Youth Council's Action Plan, the State's Governor's Youth Council Strategic Plan, and Nevada's Ready for Life: Shared Youth Vision Goals to support the overall goal to increase the high school graduation rate in Nevada.

***This item was put on hold by Chair, Ken LoBene, to allow the Youth Department Program Manager and the Project 5000 Kids Program Manager to develop shared goals and align program objectives and integrate them with the existing Annual Work Plan.***

#### Agenda Item 4b – Approval of the WIA Youth Service Provider Performance Policy

Ms. Spencer provided an overview of the WIA Youth Service Provider Performance Policy. The policy is established to ensure the wC Youth Council is provided with sufficient information to make better decisions, including deployment of services and resources for youth.

***A motion was made to approve the WIA Youth Service Provider Performance Policy with the following condition by Sgt. Mark Sharp and seconded by Matthew Weinman. Condition: Youth Program Manager will revise the WIA Youth Service Provider Performance Policy to include language for Project 5000 Kids. The motion carried.***

#### Agenda Item 5 – PRESENTATION: YouthBuild Las Vegas

Helicia Thomas, GNJ Family Life Center presented the YouthBuild Performance Outcomes as shown on page 11 of the agenda packet. While the negotiated goal for Attainment of a Certificate/Degree and Literacy/Numeracy Gains is 50%, 88% of YouthBuild participants obtained a high school diploma, GED, and/or PACT certificate and 66% of YouthBuild participants have increased their literacy and/or numeracy gains.

The negotiated goal for Placement in Employment or Education is 70%; however, data for this measure will not be available during the first year of the program. This measure will go into effect once the first cohort is exited from the program. GNJ will continue to work with the participants to assist with the Placement in Employment or Education goal.

Currently, three YouthBuild participants have entered employment; seven participants have enrolled at College of Southern Nevada (CSN) and/or University Nevada Las Vegas (UNLV) and 19 participants have scheduled interviews with area employers during the month of September 2010.

Two YouthBuild participants, Ivory Thomas and Israel Elder, shared their experiences, having been a part of the first group to successfully graduate from the YouthBuild Las Vegas program.

#### Agenda Item 6 – DISCUSSION: Project 5000 Kids Update

Nancy White provided a Project 5000 Kids update: P5K received a grant from the Wells Fargo Foundation for \$37,500. The Foundation will be sponsoring four interns at the Foundation, one intern at KNPR and ten at various businesses in the community. P5K negotiated an agreement with Marshall's to employ students through P5K; to date 16 students have been placed at Marshall's. P5K staff made a presentation to the Nye County School Board, who approved a motion to partner with P5K. A full update of activities can be found on pages 12 and 13 in the agenda packet.

P5K has an opportunity to sponsor a fundraiser for the movie premier of Waiting for Superman which is a portrayal of how poorly our Nation's school system is. Ms. White will keep the Board informed with updates on the event.

Mike Hopper demonstrated the new P5K video on YouTube. The video was created by three of the P5K interns under the guidance of Mr. Hopper.

General Colin Powell has declared February 2<sup>nd</sup> as National Job Shadow Day and P5K has set a goal to make Nevada number one as having the most students placed in a job shadow experience than any other city in the nation. To make this goal a reality, P5K staff will be working with the Partnership Office of the Clark

County School District, the cities and counties of Southern Nevada, and the business community. P5K will receive media exposure throughout the campaign (billboards, newspapers, TV, radio). Ms. White asked for the Board's support, especially with business referrals, connections to prominent business leaders, and/or sources of funding, etc.

Agenda Item 7a – INFORMATION: Upcoming Events

Tameca Ulmer provided a rundown of upcoming events: 1. Youth Contractor Celebration Luncheon, October 2010; more details to follow; 2. Connecting Nevada Youth to Success – From Cradle to Career, UNLV, November 8, 2010, with key note speaker Bob Weiss; 3. Youth Forum with Wes Moore, December 11, 2010; 4) National Job Shadow Day, February 2, 2011.

Agenda Item 7b – INFORMATION: Funding/Development Update

The P5K Resource Development Report – Overview of Work from July 1, 2010 - August 31, 2010, created by Stacey Wedding, was distributed to the Board. Discussion ensued.

Agenda Item 7c – INFORMATION: WIA Year-Round Contractor Update

Sylvia Spencer stated that the WIA Year-Round Contractors have been very compliant with regards to performance measures. The contractor's participated in the development of a monitoring tool and gained insight on the monitoring process, goals, guidelines and expectations.

Agenda Item 7d – INFORMATION: Updates from Contractors

Karl Rostron, HELP of Southern Nevada provided a summer program update and presented a success story of one of their youth participants. HELP was contracted to serve 27 youth in the rural areas of Nevada, including Searchlight, Good Springs, Sandy Valley, Jean. Many of the youth in these areas that received services from HELP previously, were no longer able to be located making it difficult for HELP to fill the 27 allotted spots. HELP received permission to expand their service delivery area to include Las Vegas. The rural communities were excited to have HELP's youth services in the area, especially the summer work experience credit, which had not been available as an organized process until now.

Brooke Reid, Nevada Partner's Inc. provided an overview of their summer youth program. Ms. Reid thanked the Board for funding Nevada Partner's summer program and the Nevada Public Education Foundation (NPEF) for providing Clarisse Donnelly, who provided transcript information and assistance to the youth with their education goals. Ms. Donnelly was an extremely valuable and helpful resource for the summer program.

NPI was contracted to serve 93 youth this summer, but actually enrolled 109 youth, of which 93 completed a meaningful work experience. Ten youth secured unsubsidized employment upon completing their work experience and two youth were hired by Goodwill within two weeks of starting their work experience. Regarding NPI's year round program, 52 youth graduated from high school this year, of which 15 were placed in secondary education and/or college.

Stacy Smith, Director, Nye Communities Coalition (NYECC), provided a summer program update. NYECC was contracted to serve 40 youth and enrolled 43. Five youth completed a work experience in Tonopah, five in Duckwater at the Shoshone Tribe, two in Esmeralda County, and the remainder was placed in Pahrump.

Chanda Cook stated that the Nevada Public Education Foundation worked with providers and the school district on summer school and work experiences. A total of 204 youth received academic credit for their work experience and 38 youth completed at least one semester of summer school with the Clark County School District.

Agenda Item 7e – INFORMATION: Updates from Youth Council Members

Samantha Hurt requested further direction on how best to handle P5K inquiries, other than directing them to the P5K website. Mr. LoBene will have Byron Goynes speak with Ms. Hurt following the meeting.

Agenda Item 9– Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.