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**Youth Council
AGENDA
January 11, 2012
11:00 a.m.**

**7251 W. Lake Mead Blvd.
Suite 200 Conference Room
Las Vegas, NV 89128**

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Youth Council members: Kenneth LoBene, Chair; Sonja Holloway, Vice-Chair; Chanda Cook, Lori Goodwine, Daniel Rose, Sgt. Mark Sharp, Chris Sullivan

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AGENDA

1. Call to order, confirmation of posting and roll call.
2. **ACTION:** Approve the agenda with inclusions of any emergency items and deletion of any items.
3. **FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION:** Members of the public may now comment on any matter posted on this Agenda, which is before this Board for consideration and action today. Please clearly state and spell your name and state your address for the record. Each public comment will be limited to three (3) minutes.
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11. **SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION:** Members of the public may now comment on any matter or topic, which is relevant to or within the authority or jurisdiction of the Board. You may comment now even if you commented earlier, however, please do not simply repeat the same comment you previously made. Please clearly state and spell your name and state address for the record. Each comment will be limited to three (3) minutes.
12. Adjournment

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MINUTES

Youth Council Meeting

November 9, 2011

11:00AM

7251 W. Lake Mead Blvd.

Suite 200

Las Vegas, NV 89128

Members Present

Ken LoBene, Chair
Dan Rose

Sonja Holloway, Vice-Chair
Sgt. Mark Sharp

Chanda Cook (Phone)
Chris Sullivan

Members Absent

Lori Goodwine

Chris Sullivan

Staff Present

Ricardo Villalobos
Lori Thomas
Cornelius Eason

Suzanne Potter
Kimberly Colagioia
Heather DeSart

Clentine January
Gina Campbell

Valerie Sims
Kelly Woods

Others Present

Latanya Runnells, Nevada Partners, Inc.
Asha Jones, Nevada Public Education Foundation

Belydia Madrid, Nevada Partners, Inc.
Vernon McBride, Parole Youth Bureau

(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 11:21 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 Sonja Holloway and seconded by Dan Rose. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 3 - First Public Comment Session

None

Agenda Item 4 - ACTION: APPROVE the meeting minutes from the Youth Council meeting on October 12, 2011
A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes from the Youth Council meeting on October 12, 2011 as presented by Dan Rose and seconded by Sgt. Mark Sharp. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 5 – INFORMATION: Ready for Life Graduation Initiative Update ~ Ricardo Villalobos

Ricardo Villalobos, Ready for Life Systems Director, provided an overview of the marketing materials for the Graduation Initiative provided in the agenda packet. The program director and remaining Graduate Advocate Coordinator positions are expected to be filled by December 1, 2011. The program will launch at the targeted high schools in January 2012.

Agenda Item 6 - INFORMATION: Year Round Youth Funded Partner Update ~ Clentine January

Clentine January, Youth Program Specialist, provided an overview of the PY11 Youth Programs and Projects at a Glance matrix provided on page 12 of the agenda packet. The matrix lists the funded partners, the number of youth and population served, services provided, and the amount of funding received for each funded partner. Ms. January stated that most of the funded partners are doing well in all areas and staff is providing training and technical assistance. On December 6th, staff will provide training on effective case note management. CCSD/Desert Rose is

having some difficulty getting their program started and staff is providing the necessary technical assistance. Staff is working with Nevada Partners in regards to serving their carry-over youth.

Agenda Item 7 - INFORMATION: 1st Tuesday Funded Partner Meeting Update / "What's it mean to be Green?" Curriculum Overview ~ Kimberly Colagioia

Kimberly Colagioia, Program Specialist, provided an update on the 1st Tuesday Funded Partners meetings. The 1st Tuesday meetings are held on the first Tuesday of every month. The meetings are being held at the funded partner's agencies on a rotating basis allowing each funded partner to network and share about their program with the other partners. The funded partners have the opportunity to discuss what's working and what's not working with their programs and address other questions or concerns that may arise. At the meetings, a discussion is held regarding programmatic issues and performance measures to ensure the funded partners understand how the measures are determined and what they need to do to successfully meet performance. At October's meeting, staff conducted training on the "What's it mean to be Green?" curriculum and discussed how the funded partners will roll out the curriculum to the youth participants which will be provided under the State Energy Sector Partnership (SESP) grant. All youth participants will be required to complete the curriculum over 15-week training. At the end of the training the youth will take a test and the youth who pass the test with a score of at least 80% will have the opportunity to participate in the green energy simulation in the Green Monster Truck.

Agenda Item 8 - INFORMATION: Youth Re-Entry Update ~Valerie Sims

Valerie Sims, Youth Re-Entry Specialist, provided an update on the Caliente youth re-entry program. Ms. Sims partners with the Youth Parole Bureau in serving 34 youth (16 – 18 years of age) from Caliente Youth Center. The program is a 2 year program that acclimates youth back into the community. Ms. Sims serves as job developer, case manager, program coordinator, counselor, and mentor to the 29 youth currently enrolled. The program's goal is to have all 34 youth enrolled by January 1, 2012. To date 5 youth have been placed in employment, 1 youth enrolled in post-secondary education, and 7 youth enrolled in high school or adult education.

This month's activities included interview assessments, intake, registration, follow-up, job development, resume writing workshops, mock interview sessions, securing work experience and OJT contracts and seeking solutions for a one-stop job development center for youth ages 16-18.

Youth Parole Officer, Vernon McBride provided an overview of the youth re-entry program and answered questions. Officer Vernon stressed the importance of the work program to provide youth the skills they need and to provide them with meaningful experiences and opportunities. Officer Vernon estimated that 150 youth are housed at the Caliente Youth Center.

Ken LoBene and Sonja Holloway would like to visit Caliente Youth Center with Ms. Sims.

Agenda Item 9 - INFORMATION: Updates from Youth Council Members

Chanda Cook announced that the Ready for Life Graduate Advocate Initiative is in need of mentors and asked the Youth Council members to step up and mentor a youth and help recruit other mentors.

Agenda Item 10 - Second Public Comment Session

Youth participants from Help of Southern Nevada and Nevada Partners briefly talked about becoming involved with their program, the positive experience and opportunities that were granted to them, and the success they've had in reaching their education and employment goals. Both youth had positive things to say about their case managers and the services they've been provided.

Agenda Item 11 - Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:52 a.m.

5. YouthBuild Las Vegas Update & Youth Presentation ~ Jennifer Padilla

YouthBuild Report

09' Grant Highlights

- 16 participants from cohort one are finished with follow up
- YBLV has achieved beyond the national performance measures in all five categories:

Placement in Education or Employment.....56.45% (and still counting)
Attainment of a Degree or Certificate:87.10%
Literacy and Numeracy Attainment:82.76%
Recidivism Rate:0%
Retention Rate:55 % (and still counting)

11' Grant Highlights

- GED exams
- Literacy/Numeracy gains – 60%
- First Aid and CPR certification
- Community volunteerism
- Drug Testing

6. Youth Re-Entry Update ~ Valerie Sims

- Successes / Performance Measures
- Upcoming Youth Symposium
- New Youth Re-Entry Manual

7. Rural Youth Update ~ Lucy Ivins

- Partnership with Nye County Health & Human Resources to pursue Community Services Block Grant funding to benefit youth employment assistance
- Working on bringing Green initiative to the rurals
- Career Day at Pahrump Valley High School

8. Year-Round Youth Funded Partner Update ~ Clentine January

Year Round Youth Program

Funded Partners are:

- Taking advantage of using OJT's and Occupational Skills Training
- Receiving TA regularly
- First Tuesday meetings are on going
- Encouraged to reflect what's going on in their programs in NVTrac
- Encouraged to Keep an emphasis on spending and training activities

9. Ready for Life Graduation Initiative Update

- Graduate Advocate Coordinator Update ~ Kimberly Colagioia
- Mentor recruitment ~ Kimberly Colagioia
- Job Shadow Day ~ Byron Goynes