

workforce CONNECTIONS
YOUTH COUNCIL
AGENDA
Wednesday, September 9, 2009
11 a.m. – 12:30

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

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1. Call to order, confirmation of posting, roll call
2. Approval of agenda with inclusions of any emergency items and deletion of any items1

ACTION

Public Hearings may be declared open by the Chairperson, as required for any of the items on this Agenda designated for discussion and possible action with recommendations to be forwarded to the workforce Connections Workforce Investment Board.

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AGENDA: Approval of agenda with inclusions of any emergency items and deletion of any items.

PETITIONER: Kelly Henwood, *workforce* **CONNECTIONS** Staff

RECOMMENDATION: Approval of agenda with inclusions of any emergency items and deletion of any items.

Respectfully submitted,

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Item #2**

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AGENDA: Approval of minutes for the August 12, 2009 meeting.

PETITIONER: Kelly Henwood, *workforce* CONNECTIONS Staff

RECOMMENDATION: That the *workforce* CONNECTIONS Youth Council review and approve the minutes of the August 12, 2009 meeting as presented or with any noted corrections.

Respectfully submitted,

**Agenda
Item #3**

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MINUTES
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BOARD DEVELOPMENT
YOUTH COUNCIL
Wednesday, August 12, 2009

Members Present

Ken LoBene, Chair
Chanda Cook
Sonja Holloway
Sergeant Mark Sharp
LaShae Thomas (via telephone)
Matthew Weinman

Members Absent

Eloiza Martinez
Dan Rose

Staff Present

John Ball, Executive Director
Andy Anderson
Jenaya Butler
Kelly Ford
Tom Dang
Byron Goynes
Kelly Henwood
David Jefferson
Sylvia Spencer
Tameca Ulmer
Wendy Villanueva

Others Present

Gina Gavan, Tribal Minds
Karl Rostron, HELP of Southern Nevada
Asha Jones, Nevada Partners
Tiffani Lloyd, Nevada Partners
Tiffany Tyler, Nevada Partners
Jerrquisha Mothershed, New Antioch Christian Fellowship

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

Agenda Item 1 - Call To Order, confirmation of posting, roll call. The meeting was called to order by Mr. LoBene at 11:04 a.m. Staff confirmed the meeting had been properly noted and posed 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 amended by Mark Sharp and seconded by Matthew Weinman. The motion carried.

Agenda Item 3 - Approval of Meeting Minutes of June 10, 2009. *Motion was made to approve the minutes with the following correction by Chanda Cook and seconded by Mark Sharp. The motion carried.* Correction: Mark Sharp was present at the June 10th, 2009 meeting.

Agenda Item 4 - ACTION: Governors Reserve Discretionary (15%) Funded Youth Contracts.....

- a. Boulder City in the amount of \$162,410
- b. Project WE in the amount of \$150,000
- c. Summer Business Institute in the amount of \$18,750

These are pass-through programs approved by and contracted by *workforce CONNECTIONS* on behalf of the Department of Employment Training and Rehabilitation. These contracts were not awarded as a result of a *workforce CONNECTIONS* ARRA Summer procurement process. Governor's Reserve 15% Funding for programs has been approved by DETR for Victory Baptist Church, Project WE, Summer Business Institute and City of Boulder City.

Kelly Henwood, Youth System & Policy Director, gave a brief overview of the 15% Governors Reserve Discretionary Fund and two of the funded providers, Boulder City and Project WE, and their programs. She further discussed the Summer Business Institute and what elements this funding would be covering. Following this overview, *a motion to approve the Governor's Reserve Discretionary (15%) Funded Youth Contracts was made by Matthew Weinman and seconded by Mark Sharp. The motion carried.*

Agenda Item 5 - DISCUSSION: Youth Planning/Innovations Process

Ken LoBene gave a brief recap of a recently held Youth Innovations Conversation, the second of a series, where people gathered together to discuss innovative ways to find employment for 5000 Youth during the summer. Following Mr. LoBene's recap, Deborah Campbell gave an in-depth overview of the Innovations process touching on the purpose and goals of these conversations. Ms. Campbell also related some of the feedback received from the Youth during these conversations; that the label, "at risk", should be dropped and language should include "all" kids, and that the public school system as it stands does not work for kids.

Agenda Item 6 - DISCUSSION: "Kids 5000" Jobs Campaign Policy Statement

Ken LoBene gave an overview of the "Kids 5000" Jobs Campaign. Mr. LoBene addressed various municipalities about their reception to incorporating language in their RFP processes that would provide employment for youth. The Youth Council reviewed a draft of a potential policy statement that gave information on the necessity and importance of investing in the emerging workforce.

Agenda Item 7 - DISCUSSION: ARRA Youth Summer Program & Resource Career Fair Update

-Four members of the Nevada Partners Service and Leadership Work Crew gave a presentation to the Youth Council on their program, Youth Jamboree, a peer mentoring program. The youth seek to be positive role models and reach younger kids, enabling them to resist negative peer pressure through mentoring, art, music, sports, entertainment, writing, rapping, and dance.

-Gina Gavan, Tribal Minds, gave the council a recap of the two recently held Youth Career Resource Fairs, the process used, and the tasks accomplished to plan and implement the fairs, the workshops that were offered at the fairs, and the follow-up that was done to capture feedback regarding the fairs.

-Staff gave an overview of a PowerPoint handout. The handout had recently compiled ARRA data that delineated Youth enrolled, age, race, and ethnicity demographics, regional breakouts, school data, and youth mapping. Staff will send the handout to the council electronically as well.

Agenda Item 8 - INFORMATION: Award of a federal USDOL YouthBuild grant in the amount of \$699,500

Staff gave an overview of the purpose and history of the YouthBuild program and the types of activities that can be performed under the recently awarded grant. Staff noted that *workforce CONNECTIONS* will administer the grant, Nevada Partners will provide the work component as well as leadership training, counseling and job placement, Habitat for Humanity, Las Vegas and Clark County Housing Authorities will provide the worksites and CCSD Desert Rose High School will provide the educational component.

Agenda Item 9 – INFORMATION: Contractor Update

Staff noted that the Youth Contractors were very excited about getting to know the staff and Board members on a more personal basis and to that end would like it if the various events like the recent Youth Contractor mixer could be worked into people's schedules.

Agenda Item 10 – INFORMATION: Updates from Youth Council Members

Ken LoBene will appear before the North Las Vegas and Las Vegas City Councils to discuss the "Kids 5000" campaign.

Agenda Item 11 – Citizen Participation

None.

Agenda Item 12 – Adjournment- *The meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.*

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AGENDA: Extension of ARRA Contracts for Work Experiences for Out of School Youth

PETITIONER: Kelly Henwood, *workforce* CONNECTIONS Staff

RECOMMENDATION: To consider allocating additional ARRA funding, contingent upon availability, for extended work experiences for 18-24 year old Out of School youth as part of the ARRA program. Final contract amounts are to be negotiated with current ARRA youth service providers.

Background

Per Training Employment Guidance Letter 14-08 Section 19 Part A – The state of Nevada received a waiver to extend the period of performance for ARRA funding for youth who participate in work experience only.

This waiver allows Recovery Act funds to be used for services for out-of-school youth ages 18 to 24 beyond the summer months who participate in work experience only. Per the waiver, the work readiness indicator is the only indicator of performance for such youth, the same measure that applies to summer youth only participants. The waiver is only applicable for the first six months following the summer of 2009 (i.e., October to March).

Funding Availability

This action is contingent upon funds being available from unspent contract allocations and/or unused operating costs. All ARRA contracts have a term date of September 30th and expenditure projections are being reviewed by *workforce* CONNECTIONS program and finance staff.

It is anticipated that approximately 100 to 150 youth would be served under this waiver. The costs would range based on total number of hours allowed per youth, additional staffing and supportive service costs.

An example of a work experience wage only cost estimate:

Youth x 7.50 hour wage x .15% fringe/tax x 180 hours = \$1552 x 150 youth = \$232,875 (wages only)

Note: staff recommends that consideration be given to providing funds to contractors for additional staff time and supportive services as these were critical factors of success for summer work experiences.

Identification of Youth

workforce CONNECTIONS staff are working with current ARRA summer youth providers who served out of school, older youth during the summer programs to determine ability and interest to extend work experiences beyond summer months for this population. Based on negotiations and approval of this recommendation, contracts may be extended on a limited basis to continue providing work experiences to a limited number of currently enrolled youth or to additional

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enrolled youth who meet the wavier criteria.

Contract Negotiations

The following contractors are those being considered for extension on a limited basis. All final contract awards would be based on negotiations.

- AHEC,
- Expertise,
- CCSD - Desert Rose High School.
- College of Southern Nevada,
- Communities in Schools,
- Nevada Partners,
- Shade Tree,
- HELP of Southern Nevada, and
- Nye Communities Coalition.

Respectfully submitted,

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Item #4**

Date: 09/09/2009

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AGENDA: ACTION: Additional Funding for Year Round WIA Programs

PETITIONER: Kelly Henwood, *workforce* CONNECTIONS Staff

RECOMMENDATION: To review and consider requests for additional funding for Year Round WIA programs with the following organizations in the following amounts.

- a. HELP of Southern Nevada : \$120,146 additional funds
- b. Nevada Partners, Inc.: \$157,697 additional funds

HELP of Southern Nevada:

Current Contract for Program Year 2009 includes \$250,000 to serve 75 youth.

HELP is requesting an additional \$120,146 to expand their computer lab and hire an additional staff person to oversee the 50 additional work experience opportunities for homeless youth (at 160 hours each) to give them the needed skills to find living wage work opportunities, achieve self-sufficiency, and live independent lives off the streets. Sixty-five (65%) percent of this request is for youth wages and supportive services. This would increase the total PY 2009 contract award to \$370,146.

Nevada Partners for a Skilled Workforce:

Current contract for PY 09 is for \$600,000 for 282* (*currently being negotiated).

Nevada Partners is requesting \$157,697 to implement a youth ambassador program. This request includes adding 25 paid youth ambassador slots through work experience activities, staffing, supportive services, and other youth activities. Forty-percent (40%) of this request is for youth transportation, incentives and work experience wages. This would increase the total PY 2009 contract award to \$757,697.

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Item #5**

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AGENDA: PRESENTATION: Desert Rose High School Summer Participants
PETITIONER: Kelly Henwood, <i>workforce</i> CONNECTIONS Staff
RECOMMENDATION: None

Students from Desert Rose will present information regarding the Desert Rose Works program funded as part of the *workforce* CONNECTIONS summer stimulus programming.

Respectfully submitted,

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Item #6**

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AGENDA: INFORMATION: ARRA & WIA Contractor Budgets Year to Date
PETITIONER: Kelly Henwood, <i>workforce</i> CONNECTIONS Staff
RECOMMENDATION: None

Background

Staff will provide an update on the provider budgets and expenditures to date for both Program Year 2008 close out as well as ARRA summer stimulus contracts.

Update on action to provide funding for additional slots: At the July Youth Council meeting an action was taken to modify and add additional slots to summer ARRA contracts. The following pcontracts were modified as a result of that action:

Contractor	Additional funds	Total number of New youth Served
Desert Rose High School	\$ 3,593	20
Expertise	\$ 70,365	25
HELP of Southern Nevada	\$ 16,130	8
Nevada Partners	\$ 6,870	30
SNCF	\$ 58,449	12
Spring Mountain Youth Camp	\$ 23,577	26
Total Additional Funds Allocated	\$ 178,984	121

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Item #7**

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Summer Youth Providers

ARRA Plan vs. Actual

Report as of 9/2/2009

Organization	Provider # of Youth	Contract Budget	Invested Through 9/2	Invoice #8	Invoice #9	Invoice #10	Invoice #11	Invoice #12	Invoice #13	Sum Totals to Date	Percentage	Variance
1 AHEC	30	\$ 200,000	\$ 52,236			\$ 25,960				\$ 76,096	38%	\$ 121,904
2 Big Brothers Big Sisters of S NV, Inc	50	\$ 197,922	\$ 108,731	\$ 75,039						\$ 183,769	93%	\$ 14,153
3 Boys & Girls Clubs of Las Vegas	65	\$ 300,000	\$	\$ 6,459	\$ 63,787					\$ 70,245	23%	\$ 229,755
4 Boys Town	30	\$ 71,556					\$ 17,486			\$ 17,486	24%	\$ 54,070
6 Caliente Youth Camp (State DCFES)/Mempower	32	\$ 105,244	\$ 17,134	\$ 11,274	\$ 10,908	\$ 5,804	\$ 4,927	\$ 4,036		\$ 54,084	51%	\$ 51,160
7 Clark County School District-Desert Rose	120	\$ 453,593			\$ 57,467		\$ 207,436			\$ 264,903	58%	\$ 188,690
8 Clark County School District	td	\$ 215,260	\$	\$ 666			\$ 7,281			\$ 7,947	4%	\$ 207,313
9 Communities in Schools	150	\$ 416,931	\$ 162,684	\$ 11,135						\$ 173,819	42%	\$ 242,512
10 College of Southern Nevada	44	\$ 110,000					\$ 68,081			\$ 68,081	62%	\$ 41,919
11 Expertise, Inc.	60	\$ 191,865	\$ 55,076				\$ 136,789			\$ 191,865	100%	\$
12 HELP of S NV	53	\$ 128,630	\$ 4,824			\$ 21,280				\$ 26,104	20%	\$ 102,526
13 Las Vegas Latin Chamber of Commerce	20	\$ 75,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 29,995					\$ 20,005	\$ 75,000	100%	\$
14 Lied Discovery Children's Museum	20	\$ 50,000	\$ 13,423			\$ 19,775				\$ 33,198	66%	\$ 16,802
15 L i County - No Contract was awarded	10	\$ 30,000								\$	0%	\$ 30,000
16 L i ada Partners, Inc for a Skilled Workforce	136	\$ 322,070	\$ 136,377	\$ 16,795						\$ 152,172	47%	\$ 169,898
17 L i mmunities Coalition	40	\$ 130,209	\$ 31,153	\$ 3,540			\$ 47,006			\$ 81,698	63%	\$ 48,511
18 Police Athletic League of S NV	20	\$ 55,574	\$ 39,132		\$ 16,442					\$ 55,574	100%	\$ (0)
19 Shade Tree	15	\$ 50,000								\$	0%	\$ 50,000
20 Southern Nevada Children First	20	\$ 124,499	\$ 27,692	\$ 25,000	\$ 13,308				\$ 56,449	\$ 124,449	100%	\$ 50
21 Spring Mountain	78	\$ 171,157		\$	\$ 56,513		\$ 32,226			\$ 88,739	52%	\$ 82,418
22 St. Jude's Ranch for Children	13	\$ 29,760				\$ 6,559				\$ 6,559	22%	\$ 23,201
23 Summer Business Institute-Clark County	56	\$ 69,983	\$ 42,781		\$ 14,438					\$ 57,219	82%	\$ 12,764
23 Victory Neighborhood Services		\$		\$ 150,000						\$ 150,000		\$ (150,000)
TOTAL CONTRACT BUDGETS-ARRA	1092	\$ 3,438,653	\$ 715,144	\$ 329,902	\$ 232,863	\$ 79,377	\$ 521,237	\$ 4,036	\$ 76,454	\$ 1,961,009	56%	\$ 1,537,644
workforce CONNECTIONS - Operations & Admin		\$ 924,625	\$ 61,588.07			\$ 68,902.06				\$ 130,490.13	14%	\$ 794,135
TOTAL CONTRACT & WC Op/Admin Budget		\$ 4,423,278										
ARRA YOUTH ALLOCATION		\$ 4,517,790										
Difference		\$ 94,512										

Total Invoiced	\$ 2,091,499	% of Invoice vs. Allocation	46%	Amount of Allocation remaining	\$ 2,426,291
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AGENDA: INFORMATION: ARRA Program Data Presentation

PETITIONER: Kelly Henwood, *workforce* CONNECTIONS Staff

RECOMMENDATION: None

Staff will provide an update on data from the ARRA Summer stimulus program.

Respectfully submitted,

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Item #8**

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AGENDA: DISCUSSION and possible action: Youth Planning/Innovations Process

PETITIONER: Kelly Henwood, *workforce* CONNECTIONS Staff

RECOMMENDATION: None

The Youth Council Chair, Ken LoBene and Debra Campbell, strategic consultant will present findings and progress of the Innovations/Planning Sessions.

Respectfully submitted,

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Item #9**

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AGENDA: INFORMATION: Contractor Update

PETITIONER: Kelly Henwood, *workforce* CONNECTIONS Staff

RECOMMENDATION: None

Staff and/or providers shall share an update regarding current WIA funded Youth programs.

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Item #10**

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AGENDA: INFORMATION: Updates from Youth Council Members

PETITIONER: Kelly Henwood, *workforce* CONNECTIONS Staff

RECOMMENDATION: None

Youth Council members who wish to share information Youth Council issues or other relevant youth activities effecting the region.

Respectfully submitted,

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Item #11**

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