



Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the Maricopa Workforce Connections Youth Council and to the general public, that the Maricopa Workforce Connections Youth Council will hold a meeting open to the public on Thursday March 19, 2009 at 8:30 a.m. located at the Maricopa County Human Services Department, 234 N. Central Ave., Third Floor, Phoenix, 85004 in the Arizona Conference Room.

To attend via conference call, please dial 1-877-492-4020/passcode 602-474-3612.

AGENDA

1.	Call to Order	Don Smith, Chair
2.	Pledge of Allegiance	Don Smith, Chair
3.	Roll Call	Tina Schoville, Admin/Clerical Spec.
4.	Approval of minutes—Action <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ January 15, 2009 	
5.	Program Report—For information only <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ PLOT – Producing Leaders of Tomorrow ▪ WVCC Youth One Stop 	Todd Berndt and Cheryl Rossiter School-to-Career Coordinators Victoria Sanchez, Youth CGS
6.	Provider Reports—For information only <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ GICA ▪ YMCA ▪ United Way ▪ ACYR 	Barb Rorwick, Youth Contract Administrator GICA staff YMCA staff United Way staff ACYR staff
7.	Assistant Director’s Report—Action <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ MWC Plans for Youth Stimulus Funds 	Patrick Burkhart
8.	Call to the public	Don Smith, Chair
9.	Adjournment	

Next meeting scheduled on Thursday, April 16, 2009

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**MARICOPA WORKFORCE CONNECTIONS
YOUTH COUNCIL
Maricopa County Human Services Department
234 North Central, Suite 3201, Phoenix, AZ 85004
Arizona Conference Room
Minutes
January 15, 2009**

I. Call to Order

Board member Tony Maldonado called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m.

II. Roll Call: Quorum

Present	Excused/Absent	Staff
Patrick Burkhart(T)	Randy Kimmens	Kimberly Faust
Julia Estrada	Israel Pablos	Barb Rorwick
Tony Maldonado	Edward Salvador Ramoz	Victoria Sanchez
Angelo Maisto	Dennis Ichikawa	Tina Schoville
Bob Neckes(T)	Mike Wall	Cheryl Rossiter
Don Smith(T)		Todd Berndt
Ignacio Pesqueria		Trina Jenkins
Che Collins		Dawn Zimmer
		Laurie Ontiveros
		Guests
		Sharlet Barnett, GICA
		Susan Laskorski - GICA
		Mike Graser, YMCA
		Adam Soto, ACYR
		Bridget Johnson, Aspire/JAG
		Julie Sater, VSUW/Aspire
		Nazik Kamar, Guest Speaker
		Anthony Rivera, ACYR

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes—Action

Don Smith made a motion to approve the minutes from November 20, 2008. Patrick Burkhart seconded the motion. The motion carried.

IV. Program Report—For information only

PLOT—Todd Berndt reported that they have served 92 youth in workshops teaching ‘Responsibility and Time Management’ at Sunshine Residential, Buckeye Outreach for Social Services, the YMCA and Copper Canyon High School. Because of limited funding for the program they are only able to serve 25 youth from Sunshine Residential. However several youth are turning 18 and leaving the foster care program so they only needed workshops. These youth will be referred to the One-Stops.

WVCC Youth One Stop—Victoria Sanchez reported that November was a busy month with 145 new walk-ins to the Youth Center. She also reported that December was slower with 64 new walk-ins. The Youth Center participated in the Maya High School’s Career/Job Fair and spoke to 70 youth about services we offer. They are continuing to work with the Peoria Unified School District CTE program and a presentation to the Board of Supervisors is scheduled. They have also participated in Kids at Home training and are scheduling a more intense training for a later date. They had 420 Youth served in the month of November and 318 in December. In January they are planning workshops at Peoria High School for Resume and Interview Techniques, at Tolleson High School they will be doing workshops for Resume Class, at Ironwood High School they will be participating in mock interviews and for Independence High School they will be doing Center presentations and tours of the facilities.

V. Provider Reports—*For information only*

Barb Rorwick presented the Monthly Enrollment Reports for November and December 2008. ACYR has met 100% of their goals for enrollment as of the end of December. Goodwill has made 44% of their goal, Las Artes 80% of their goal, and VSUW/Aspire 65% of their goals for the end of December.

The first Quarter Performance Report was then presented with all Youth Providers either exceeding or meeting their performance. Measures for Older Youth for Las Artes and VSUW/Aspire are not presently available, as they have not reached the reporting time frame as of this date.

Tony Maldonado was interested in a way to measure the eligibility completion versus the outreach and incomplete eligibility of youth, due to the amount of paperwork and documentation required for WIA eligibility.

ACYR—Adam Soto reported that this month they have reached 77% of the contract amount with 46 youth enrolled by the end of the year. They served 82 youth in the presentations and currently have ten in eligibility waiting to be enrolled. They will be going to Wickenburg in February at the Alternative school to offer services to youth there.

GICA—Susan Laskorski reported the enrollment for December was not satisfying however, they are re-strategizing for the next quarter. They are currently at 27% enrollment with two youth in school and thirteen out of school, and two pending enrollment. They have limitations because they can only work with specific offenders and need to make sure they fit the program and will not be returning to incarceration. They are working with New Leaf for possible enrollment of youth.

Las Artes—Mike Graser reported that they currently have 67 youth enrolled with 50 carryovers. They have 12 new youth enrolled with six for December and six exits. They had 35 youth graduate and are anticipating another 4 graduates. They have started their third session with students at a fifth grade level and five are in the process of working on their GED. They will have an art display at the campus at ASU.

United Way—Julie Sater informed us that they have currently enrolled ten new youth into the program and are currently at 45% enrollment. She also stated that they are partnering with both Friendly House and Jag to work with homeless coordinators in the surrounding cities for possible enrollment into their program.

Success Story from Youth—Bridget Johnson introduced a youth, Nazik Kamar, who is a student at Coronado High School. She reported on her trip to Washington D.C. where she competed in a public speaking contest and won second place. Her story of her struggles and successes was very moving and inspirational.

VI. Progress Report—*For information only*

Bridging Project – Youth Matriculation to MCCCCD

Trina Jenkins gave the details on the plan to bridge services, with MCCCCD. A meeting with MCCCCD staff and Program and Operations staff met on December 2008 to discuss how to link both In School and Out of School youth to college classes. Staff requested MCCCCD provide training classes to help MWC staff for speaking on different subjects such as Career Pathways and Financial Aide. They are also researching on what types of fast track classes to bring to the Centers and are in the process of putting together all day trainings for four days that will allow youth to receive completion certificates. Barb Rorwick passed out the survey that was dispersed to youth on what type of classes they felt would benefit them in preparing for college. This survey will assist MCCCCD in which classes to offer youth at the One Stop Centers.

VII. Assistant Director's Report—*For information only*

- **Economic Stimulus and WIA Funding**

The stimulus package indicates that WIA funding will be part of the package. There is a possibility of one billion dollars worth of stimulus funding and today there was an announcement of what will be available for this package. Currently all Workforce divisions in Arizona are working together to come up with a plan when the funding becomes available. The new Labor Secretary stated that her first priority was WIA and Employment Services.

- **Congressional Outlook—WIA**

Patrick Burkhart, John Garza and Neil Alexander are going to Washington D.C. in February to review the WIA funding plan. They will be meeting with both Senate and House of Representatives staff to speak about the importance of WIA funding. There are also plans to invite Legislative Staff in February to visit the One-Stops to review our services offered.

VIII. Call to the public

Barbara Rorwick made a comment on the commitment of Youth Providers on offering services and continuing to enroll at risk youth into their programs. She had the opportunity to meet several of the youth that are served by the various Youth Providers and how encouraged she felt by their progress in being enrolled into WIA services.

IX. Adjournment

Tony Maldonado adjourned the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

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Discussion Notes
February 19, 2009**

Present	Staff
Che Collins	Kimberly Faust
Julia Estrada	Barb Rorwick
Tony Maldonado	Victoria Sanchez
Angelo Maisto	Tina Schoville
Bob Neckes(T)	Cheryl Rossiter
Ignacio Pesqueira	Todd Berndt
	Laurie Ontiveros
	Guests
	Sharlett Barnett, ACYR
	Adam Soto, ACYR
	Mike Graser, YMCA
	Sabrina White – Guest Speaker
	Julie Sater, VSUW/ASPIRE

There being no quorum, this meeting was suspended and consideration of all action items and the formal meeting was closed. Presentation of information only followed.

Program Updates—*For information only*

Todd Berndt reported that they wrapped up the workshops for scholarships and financial aide. They have 20 youth from the Sunshine Residential group currently enrolled out of the 50 that originally participated. They have wrapped up the workshops with Buckeye and have send out the surveys for alumni youth and are waiting for feedback from them. They will be raffling off prizes to the alumni youth that participated in the survey. The ‘My Space’ project is being researched by the IT department to see if Maricopa County can support this project. Also Cheryl Rossiter shared that on March 21st they are taking youth to J.C. Penny’s to get professional outfits courtesy of J.C. Penny’s.

Victoria Sanchez reported that many youth coming to the Center are trying to find employment to help support their family. Tina Connor of ‘Tina House’ sent packets of jobs for youth and Victoria distributed them to the different agencies. January was a busy month for the Center with 389 visits, 108 were first time visitors. They also served an additional 600 youth outside of the West Valley Youth Center with six presentations in the community. Youth from Independence High School came to the Center and toured the facility. They are currently meeting with local businesses to secure Summer Youth jobs. She also shared that February looks like another busy month with four Career Fairs, Interview Day, Resume Classes and a presentation scheduled in Sedona.

Provider Updates—*For information only*

Barbara Rorwick reported that the numbers are not as high as they expected but that providers are continuing to strive for more enrollments. An Eligibility Outreach Report that displays the issues providers encounter while they are trying to enroll new participants was dispersed to the Youth Council. Youth Council members will be supplied on a quarterly basis, the Quarterly Outreach Report, along with the Quarterly Enrollment Report. The college surveys that were distributed at the centers for youth regarding enrolling youth in higher education were distributed to 632 participants. Staff will be meeting with the Community Colleges next week to see about getting requested classes into the Centers.

GICA—There was no representatives from GICA.

Las Artes—Mike Graser reported that at the end of January there were 72 enrolled with a carryover of 50 youth. They currently have seven youth on probation for enrollment for February and 40 youth have completed their GED's. They currently have art displays from the Las Artes Center at ASU West. They also attend art shows at both the John F. Long expo and Magellan.

United Way—Julie Sater reported that they have 65 youth currently in the program and that they are half way to their total enrollment. She also stated that they had seven youth enrolled in January. They attended the East Valley Transition Fair and the Youth Job Fair and contacted approximately 250 youth at these events but they did not get any referrals. The Aspire program is looking for work for summer youth through the cities and towns in the East valley. Tempe School District is referring drop outs to Chicanos Por La Casa GED program at the North Tempe Multigenerational Center. Also CPLC and JAG case managers are scheduling office hours at the Boys and Girls Club in South Scottsdale.

ACYR—Sharlett Barnett reported that they are currently at 80% of their total enrollment and that January was slow for new youth coming into the program. They met with the alternative school in the town of Wickenburg and did a presentation with ten youth and will go back to begin program eligibility within the next two weeks. There is also a potential for other youth within the GED and drop out sector that will have to be arranged in the future.

Success Story from Youth—Sabrina White, a youth participating in the Las Artes program shared her story of her participation in the program. She started her studies in December of 2008 and graduated in February. She has plans to enter college at Glendale Community College but faces many challenges because she is a single mother and does not have a job at this time. She is very excited about her opportunities and plans on becoming a Forensic Specialist.

Presentation on Jr. Achievement of Arizona—Julie Estrada shared with the group the Work Readiness workshops that they are offering to youth. There are a series of seven lessons and two are advised to be taken prior to the event which is scheduled for April 29th. They will offer workshops such as 'competitive interviews' and 'networking skills'. Students will be offered internships and they are also working with PWC to get programs for work preparation and share tools that have been successful in the past.

Assistant Director's Report—In the absence of Patrick Burkhart, Kimberly Faust shared that on Tuesday the stimulus was signed and WIA will be receiving 3.95 billion dollars. 1.2 billion dollars are for the Youth programs and Maricopa County is hoping to receive 3.4 million dollars which will have to be spent in the next 24 months. Currently the management staff is working on ways to get opportunities ready for spending these dollars. We are hoping that the money comes in quickly so that the summer employment for Youth program can be funded. We are looking at offering resources to towns and cities by employing youth with summer jobs in which we will fund. The stimulus expanded the age of youth to be 24 instead of 21. We are also working with Jr. Achievement towards enrolling youth into classes for occupational short term training to help get youth started on a career path for long term employment. The staff is also looking into apprenticeship programs for highway construction and OJT possibilities. Another place being looked into for summer employment is through the Parks and Rec programs so that we can get as many youth working this summer as possible.

Call to the Public—A discussion was brought forth regarding the current eligibility requirements and the possibility of working on revising these requirements so that more youth can qualify for services. This discussion will be reviewed and this issue will be discussed at another time.