



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 May 21, 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"> ▪ April 16, 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—For information only <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Progress Report Youth Stimulus Funds 	Kimberly Faust, Program Administrative Manager
8.	Call to the public	Don Smith, Chair
9.	Adjournment	

Next meeting scheduled on Thursday, June 18, 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
April 16, 2009

I. Call to Order

Mike Wall called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

II. Roll Call: Quorum

Present	Excused/Absent	Staff
Patrick Burkhart	Edward Salvador Ramoz	Kimberly Faust
Julia Estrada	Israel Pablos	Barb Rorwick
Tony Maldonado	Che Collins	Diana Shepherd
Angelo Maisto		Tina Schoville
Randy Kimmens		Laurie Ontiveros
Don Smith (T)		Todd Berndt
Ignacio Pesqueria		Stacey Devine-Fairfield
Bob Neckes (T)		Guests
Dennis Ichikawa		Mike Graser – Las Artes
Mike Wall		Susan Laskorski - GICA
		Sanzanna Lolis, GICA
		Sharlet Barnett - ACYR
		Brett Nelson – ACYR
		Julie Sater - VSUW
		Beth Salazar, YMCA
		Adam Soto
		Janet Jarcia

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes—Action

Patrick Burkhart made a motion to approve the minutes from March 19, 2009. Randy Kimmens seconded the motion. The motion carried.

IV. Program Report—For Information Only

- **PLOT** – Todd Berndt shared their busy this month’s activities. They had a clothing fieldtrip for 42 youth on March 21st at J.C. Penneys where youth were able to pick out a professional outfit for both interviews & for the recognition event to be held on May 28th. They recently wrapped up Resume Instruction classes where 62 youth attended & Interviewing Instruction is currently underway. On May 9th there will be a Career & Education Expo held at Copper Canyon High School & employers that are participating in the Summer Youth Work Experience program will conduct mini interviews to see if the youth qualify for work experience with their company.
- **WVCC Youth One Stop** – Patrick Burkhart reported an uptick of activity for the month of March at the Youth Center. The Center had 512 visits in March, the highest so far, with 155 youth being first time customers. Due to the explosion of customers at the Centers the activity in the Youth Centers has also increased.

V. Provider Report—For Information Only

Barb Rorwick reported that the enrollments for March were good, especially for VSUW who had 17 new enrollments. The youth providers will continue to serve the WIA population along with continued parallel service to the stimulus dollar summer youth experience program.

- **GICA** - Susan Laskorski reported that they have struggled with enrollment this month & quarter because the youth offender population is hard to service because of suitability. They have strategized with what is the best way to service the youth & enroll them but still make their performance measures. They recently met with Adobe Mountain to discuss working with youth that are still incarcerated pending release & work with them for a dual partnership with the probation officer then hopefully they will have more of a success story. There are currently 8 or 9 youth that may be pending enrollment. They also met with the GED instructor for possible enrollees in the program based on daily attendance & success within this program. There are possibly 9 youth that might qualify that are both younger & older youth. They are holding a Career Fair on April 23rd; this will be a joint career & education affair with both MWC & PWC attending. There will also be several different employers from several different industries to speak with youth about career choices. A discussion followed regarding possibly redesigning the current program & a decision was made to look into this at a future date.

- **YMCA** – Mike Graser shared with the group that they have been really busy. They recently enrolled 32 youth & have met 83% of their enrollment with five months to go. They have had 44 GED's & currently have a waiting list of 8 youth. Next week they will be attending a Habitat for Humanity's function at South Mountain and a function in Apache Junction where they completed several benches that were commissioned.
- **United Way** - Julie Sater reported that they attended two outreach events, one of which was UMOM, a homeless shelter for moms where they brought brochures & applications for summer employment. They participated in My Life at Tempe Town Lakes & passed out approximately 100 applications at this event. She attended 3 of the summer youth employment orientation sessions at the Gilbert One Stop & they seemed pretty successful. They have a request from the City of Scottsdale to place 35 youth & are still waiting for the requests from the town of Guadalupe. The additional money for work experience & occupational training will help with future recruitments in the East Valley. They were able to enroll 17 additional youth in March & 7 of these recruitments were from the Gilbert One Stop.
- **ACYR** – Sharlet Barnett reported that they have 44 youth currently enrolled with 26 youth left to enroll. They have 7 youth pending & 4 of those are from Wickenburg. They are anticipating enrollment by the end of the month. They have been working with JAG & did a presentation at Copper Canyon, La Jolla High Schools & several more are being set up. They are advertising for summer employment & year around services through JAG. They are currently gearing up for the Jobing.com event & are hoping to recruit youth through this event.

VI. Assistant Director's Report—*For Information Only*

Patrick Burkhart shared with the group the updated information regarding the ARRA-WIA Stimulus Plan.

- New IGA's received from DES & scheduled for B.O.S. approval by May 6th.
- Contract Amendments scheduled for B.O.S. & Office of Procurement on May 6th.
- DES is piloting a VOS Solution for ARRA Youth.
- DOL Readiness Review completed on April 9th.
- DES confirmed that local areas can use sudden job loss as a barrier to employment criteria.
- Summer Youth WEX rollout currently has 20 participating employers confirmed; 229 WEX positions confirmed; 135 youth applications have been received; 125 are participating youth currently enrolled; 15 potential employers yet to be confirmed & there are 90 estimated WEX positions to be confirmed.

With the stimulus dollars MWC will be able to serve approximately 637 youth which will spend 68% of the full allocation in this Summer Youth Employment program. Each youth will be allocated \$2400 of direct services. Regarding the year round WIA program year 2009-2010 32% of the funds will be spent for PY09 which will be able to serve 200 youth at \$5000 allocated for each participant.

The following items were approved through the Executive Committee:

- WIA requires that at least ninety-five percent (95%) of registered participants be economically disadvantaged with a five percentage (5%) window allowing participants in each local area who do not meet the low income eligibility requirements to be determined eligible.
- The MWC Board had determined that the five percent (5%) window would not be used to allow for any disallowed costs associated with the eligibility process. No findings have occurred in Federal, State or Local monitoring of any disallowed costs since 2005.
- It is being requested that the Youth Council utilize the five percentage (5%) window, which allows participants in each local area who do not meet the low income eligibility requirements to be determined eligible. This will allow the flexibility of increasing the number of youth to enroll, as long as they have a documented barrier.
- Request a program eligibility waiver that requires annualizing income for individuals that are not longer working due to lay off. Request the use recent layoff or foreclosure notice in addition to self attestation form to verify that the individual is no longer working.
- Investigate waiver for requiring youth to apply & utilize Pell grants prior to accessing WIA funding for occupational training.

The next steps will be to continue WEX Outreach to employers & participants, to execute Contract Amendments, to update MWC Two Year Plan & to launch the WEX.

VII. Call to the public

There were no comments from the public.

VIII. Adjournment

Mike Wall adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m.