



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, October 16, 2008 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"> ▪ August 21, 2008 	
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"> ▪ ACYR ▪ GICA ▪ YMCA ▪ United Way 	Barb Rorwick, Youth Contract Administrator ACYR staff GICA staff YMCA staff United Way staff
7.	Recommendations to MWC Board – Joint Activities with PWC Youth Council—Action Item	Patrick Burkhart, Assistant Director
8.	Call to the public	Don Smith, Chair
9.	Adjournment	

Next meeting scheduled on Thursday, November 20, 2008

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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
August 21, 2008

I. Call to Order

Chair Don Smith called the meeting to order at 8:38 a.m.

II. Roll Call: Quorum

Present	Excused/Absent	Staff
Patrick Burkhart	Che Collins	Kimberly Faust
Julia Estrada	Israel Pablos	William O'Brien
Tony Maldonado	Edward Salvador Ramoz	Victoria Sanchez
Angelo Maisto	Dennis Ichikawa	Tina Schoville
Ignacio Pesqueira	Randy Kimmens	Cheryl Rossiter
Don Smith	Bob Neckes	Todd Berndt
Mike Wall		Laurie Ontiveros
		Diana Shepherd
		Guests
		Sharlett Barnett, ACYR
		Sanzanna Lolis, GICA
		Mike Graser, YMCA
		Adam Soto
		Ron Kalmbach
		Susan Laskorski
		Tyler Clawson
		Dayna Graser

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes—Action

Patrick Burkhart made a motion to approve the minutes from June 19, 2008. Mike Wall seconded the motion. The motion carried.

IV. Assistant Director's Report—For information only

Patrick Burkhart, Assistant Director for HSD provided an overview of the events planned for the MWC/Phoenix Workforce Connection retreat on Friday, August 22, 2008. The retreat will focus on four areas, one being youth services. Breakout sessions will focus on areas of commonality between the two organizations and best practices. Jessica Frasier, Jobing.com, will present, "The State of Employment," to all participants. Youth services information will be presented during the next Council meeting.

V. Program Report—For information only

Todd Berndt, School-to-Career Coordinator reported PLOT work experience ended last week. All youth, except for one that was ill, completed work experience requirements. Two students secured permanent employment: one with State Farm Insurance Company and one with Claire's Accessories.

Memorandums of Understanding were submitted to two providers for the current PLOT program year: the Valley of the Sun YMCA and the Valley Christian Center. Camp will be coming up on October 10th and 31st in Prescott, volunteers are needed. Youth dollars are at a deficit of \$10,000

this year resulting in: cutting the budget for the end of the year event, elimination of work experience requirement, and the reduction incentive dollars.

Victoria Sanchez reported 3,700 youth received services this past year. She also reported that 88 youth earned GED's through the ACYR program. MWC had 387 new youth participate in its programs: 264 Older Youth and 69 Younger Youth, with 54 of these youth being In-School Youth. One hundred and eleven of the 387 youth were enrolled in either ACYR or Las Artes. Much outreach was done during the last program year and good working relationships have been established with the One-Stop partners. Older Youth are using the MWC Career Centers more, and are bringing family members along to use services. Victoria is working with the staff at the Gilbert One-Stop to design a Youth Services Center at that location.

VI. Cost per Youth—*For information only*

Kimberly Faust, Program Administrative Manager, reported the cost per youth served for the last calendar year was \$4,000 each. Patrick Burkhart requested Barb Rorwick look prospectively and get the numbers for the first half of last year since there was a slowdown of recruitments for the second half as contracts were bid out and current providers slowed enrollments. MWC will recalculate figures for past services.

VII. Provider Reports—*For information only*

Kimberly Faust reported that youth performance measures show all measures were met or exceeded. She also stated numbers for July and August will be reported at the next meeting because newly awarded contracts started in July.

ACYR—Sharlett Barnett reported they are revving up recruitment and looking into a partnership with the town of Wickenburg to start the next calendar year. They have enrolled 4 new youth and currently 8 youth are in eligibility status. Fifteen to 20 more youth are working towards eligibility for enrollment in September. There are currently 200 youth in the program with 72 being new and the rest being carry-overs. Eighty youth are in follow-up status, contact is being made at least twice monthly.

GICA—Sanzanna Lolis reported on the progress of the Youth Offenders program which will serve 55 youth. They currently have 26 carryovers and will be recruiting 29 additional youth for this program. They recruited 13 new youth through the New Leaf program in the Tempe area which are all out-of-school males.

Las Artes—Mike Graser reported that the new contract numbers have 100 youth enrolled at the end of the year with 50 youth that will be carried over into the new program year. They have 20 youth who have earned GED's, 11 currently in GED testing and 6 youth will be eligible for testing in September. The program received their first audit and scored a 93%. Graser also reported that students in their program attend classes for 6 ½ hours daily.

VIII. Call to the public

Mike Graser reported on a youth who has a dream currently enrolled in their program. The youth rides a bike four miles every day to the program. His attendance has been poor due to the deteriorating condition of his bike but he shows great initiative regarding the program. He has found a replacement bike and the owner has reduced the price to \$300 which is half of the sale price. If anyone has any ideas for fund raising for this bike it would be greatly appreciated.

IX. Adjournment

Tony Maldonado made a motion to adjourn. Mike Wall seconded the motion. Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 9:43 a.m.

**MARICOPA WORKFORCE CONNECTIONS
YOUTH COUNCIL
Maricopa County Human Services Department
234 North Central, Suite 3201, Phoenix, AZ 85004
Arizona Conference Room
Discussion Notes
September 18, 2008**

II. Call to Order

Chair Don Smith called the meeting to order at 8:45 a.m.

III. Roll Call: No Quorum

Present	Excused/Absent	Staff
Patrick Burkhart	Che Collins	Kimberly Faust
Julia Estrada	Israel Pablos	Barb Rorwick
Randy Kimmens	Edward Salvador Ramoz	Victoria Sanchez
Angelo Maisto	Dennis Ichikawa	Tina Schoville
Bob Neckes	Tony Maldonado	Cheryl Rossiter
Don Smith	Mike Wall	
		Guests
		Sharlett Barnett, ACYR
		Sanzanna Lolis, GICA
		Mike Graser, YMCA
		Adam Soto, ACYR
		Julie Sater, VSUW/ASPIRE
		Susan Laskorski, GICA
		Luis A. Enriquez VSUW, ASPIRE
		Anthony Rivera, ACYR

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

XI. Assistant Director’s Remarks—*For information only*

Patrick Burkhart reported on the updated information regarding the Cost Per Youth. The analysis was configured from youth, approximate age 18 to 21 from enrollment to exit which is 18 to 20 months, factoring in staff and a summary of hours of participation. The report handed out shows a cost of approximately \$4313 per youth and gave a comparison of the cost per student per program for last year and the proposed amount per youth for this year. Patrick also stated that the cost per student used for the school system runs with a fiscal year programming however some of our youth require more time than this, which is a total ‘life cycle’.

Patrick also announced that we will try and set up a special session meeting for the board members before the next scheduled council meeting so that members can discuss the five points of interest from the collaboration between MWC and PWC.

XII. Program Updates—*For information only*

Cheryl Rossiter reported that they have started their orientations this year with 51 youth, 17 started from the Valley Christian Center, and 34 youth from Copper Canyon High School. Camp in Northern Arizona will be taking place again this year with the first camp dates of October 10 to the 11th and the last camp dates are October 31 through November 1st. Cheryl also stated that we have two new partners within the youth program, Buckeye Outreach for Social Services (BOSS) and YMCA. They have scheduled five workshops to present, ‘Career Assessment’, ‘Budgeting’,

'Financial Aid/Scholarships', Post Secondary Education/Employer night, and 'Responsibility/Time Management' with Buckeye Outreach for Social Services.

Victoria Sanchez reported that there were a total of 436 youth served for the month of August and that 73 were new youth. She also stated that there are two more job fairs coming up relating to youth, one is scheduled for October 24th at the Gilbert One Stop and the other is scheduled for April 15, 2009 at the Peoria Boys and Girls Club.

XIII. Provider Updates—*For information only*

Barbara Rorwick reported that because of the new calendar year for the programs the enrollment numbers are low for new enrollments got July and August. Also Las Artes starts a new contract year in September and because of the different time frame their numbers are higher than the other programs for new enrollments.

ACYR—Sharlett Barnett reported over 30 presentations about ACYR have been completed, of which 25 were at the West Valley Career Center. A Career Week will be at the ACYR downtown campus with Ben Miranda as a guest speaker on September 22, 2008. On October 8th the first meeting with a charter school in Wickenburg will take place to begin a partnership.

GICA—Sanzanna Lolis reported that they are assisting a new population of youth offenders in their program. They currently have 16 carryovers so they are expecting to enroll approximately three youth per month. There are two new youth for enrollment and four are in the pipeline. Because they are examining the juvenile profiles of potential youth they are able to ensure that they are not enrolling sex offenders into this program. They are planning a Career Fair for youth in mid to end October and have developed a new relationship with both Office Max and Safeway to start enrolling youth into a stocking apprenticeship program.

Las Artes—Mike Graser reported that in the month of August they had 50 youth enrolled which is 100% of their program goal. They also have 22 youth testing for their GED's. The graduation ceremony has been changed to October 17th at 6:00 pm for their 1st graduates of the program which will consist of 25 youth. They have hired a new GED teacher because of the loss of a current GED teacher and are looking to hire a Program Coordinator for the program. The youth have almost completed eight Maricopa County seals with one piece going to the Habitat for Humanities.

United Way—Julie Sater reported that they have four locations that they are establishing partnerships with for their program. They currently have 26 carryover youth. They are working with Compadre High School with the JAG program. They also held a presentation of the program to the Yucca tribe with 125 parents in attendance and approximately 175 youth attending which applied to families in the Guadalupe area and met with the WIC office for parenting mothers to cross reference all eligible youth. They came up with a slogan, "We Are Going To Grow Our Own" regarding employment and education which is the goal of their program.

XIV. Other Information Reported

Barbara Rorwick announced that there will be Youth Provider meetings following the council meeting beginning in October and she requested that any Youth Providers present at the board meeting attend these sessions.