

**MARICOPA WORKFORCE CONNECTIONS  
YOUTH COUNCIL**

**Maricopa County Human Services Department  
234 N. Central Avenue, Third Floor  
Arizona Conference Room**

**Minutes**

**November 15, 2007**

**I. Call to Order**

Vice Chair Don Smith called the meeting to order at 8:43 a.m.

**II. Roll Call: Quorum**

<b>Present</b>	<b>Excused/Absent</b>	<b>Staff/Guests</b>
Don Smith	Charles McCarty (E)	Sherri Connell
Che Collins	Beverly Baeza-Hardaway (E)	Kim Faust
Graciela Garcia Candia	Maude Brinkley	William O'Brien
Dennis Ichikawa	Rebecca Flanagan	Victoria Sanchez
Randy Kimmens	Mike Hayashi (E)	Barb Rorwick
Angelo Maisto	Chris Tovar (E)	Todd Berndt
Tony Maldonado		Cheryl Rossiter
Ted Murphree		Dawn Zimmer
Ignacio Pesqueira		Angela Martinez
Patrick Burkhart		Ashley Richards—YMCA
Mike Wall		Beth Salazar—YMCA
		Martin Moreno—YMCA
		Jodi Hall—YMCA
		Sharlet Barnett—ACYR
		Sanzanna Lolis—GICA

**III. Approval of Meeting Minutes --Action**

Ted Murphree motioned to approve the October 18, 2007 minutes. Graciela Garcia Candia seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**IV. Full Board Liaison Subcommittee—Discussion**

Mike Wall reported that he provided the Full Board a handout on Proposition 300 and discussed the impact it will have on enrollment. The initial concern was the length of time it takes to enroll individuals in WIA services although Che Collins works in partnership with Catholic Social Services to assist with obtaining mandatory documentation i.e. birth certificates. Although Ms. Collins stated Jobcorps is unlike Maricopa County because they enroll based on a sampling process that does not require income verification.

**V. Program Report—For information only**

**PLOT—Producing Leaders of Tomorrow**

Todd Berndt reported 27 youth at the West Valley Youth Career Center and 21 youth at Copper Canyon High School completed career assessments. There was a total participation of 54 youth for both PLOT camps. Recruitment will continue at Career Success High School. Cheryl Rossiter reported that Copper Canyon youth will be handing out toys, arts and crafts at the Glendale Community Center and Sunshine Residential youth will be packing food boxes for St. Mary's Food Bank as part of their community service activities. She indicated 1000 youth brochures are available and encouraged council members to take copies for distribution at their place of work.

**PWC Youth Industry Council**— Patrick Burkhart reported that County and City of Phoenix staff are engaging in ongoing discussions regarding best practices, contract development and monitoring. He further stated that county is in the midst of drafting the two-year plan collaboratively with city staff with a regional focus. In addition, county and city have been conducting joint monitoring of youth contractors. He anticipates that by the December meeting, he will be able to present ideas that will be incorporated into the two-year plan.

#### **VI. Provider Reports—*For information only***

**ACYR**— Sharlet Barnett stated they will start receiving referrals from Buckeye High School in order to enroll youth from the Buckeye area. There are four to five Scottsdale youth in the initial assessment process and one enrolled; however, she anticipates only one of the five will be deemed eligible for WIA. They have also partnered with Rio Salado in South Scottsdale to obtain referrals of students enrolled in Adult Education classes and students transitioning from GED classes into further education. Their most recent job fair featured 16 employers with 100 attendees.

**GICA**—Sanzanna Lolis justified that the reason why the monthly provider report reflected low enrollment was due to the removal of carryovers. Out-of-school youth enrollments are increasing and the report revisions allow them to start enrolling in-school youth from the north valley. Goodwill applied academic support funds from the US Department of Labor to implement two learning centers open to the public located at 7<sup>th</sup> and Peoria and Alma School and Ray. These career centers offer a professional educator to assist with Math and Reading skills, GED prep classes, Odyssey software and skills tutor online workforce development program in addition to an online academic component geared towards Arizona's educational outcomes. They offer career center services to ACYR as well.

In response to Tony Maldonado's inquiry regarding duplication of service areas, Ms. Barnett explained that the WIA mandates customer choice and often times, youth prefer to stay with their initial case manager. Vice Chair Smith suggested collaboration with referrals in the midst of funding reviews. Mr. Wall stated he would look into what resources building trades can offer. Randy Kimmens inquired as to whether youth are apprised of educational opportunities within the community colleges of which Mr. Burkhart recommended Ms. Lolis contact the community college representatives located in the county one-stops.

**YMCA**—Jodi Hall reported the Las Artes program does not currently have any enrollments since the start of their contract on September 1, 2007. She explained that the lack of enrollments is due to the loss of securing a facility; however, they have been able to move into another building on October 10. They have presented the program to 50 different agencies and individuals with 18 pending eligibility with one new enrollment starting Monday. In lieu of program staff vacancies, YMCA staff will be able to provide GED classes and Martin Moreno has commissioned two art projects.

Vice Chair Smith stated that MWC staff will develop a new reporting tool per his request for the following reasons: The current data does not correlate to contract language i.e. new enrollments should reflect monthly and quarterly goals versus actual enrollment; carryovers should reflect current data from the beginning of the contract period relative to ongoing and exited youth. He also stated that the reports should be delivered by program directors and/or the key administrator staff to ensure that the contracts are held in high priority. In addition, the RFP will be more standardized between Maricopa County and the City of Phoenix. MWC staff will meet with the providers following the meeting to assist them with a strategy for improvement.

**VII. Call to the public**

No comments from the public

**VIII. Announcements**

Bill O'Brien announced that the training providers will be at the West Valley Career Center on December 11 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. to talk about their programs.

Mr. Kimmens mentioned approximately 12,000 people attended the career expo held at the University of Phoenix stadium on October 6. They are looking to plan a career expo in the east valley next year and alternate between the west and east valley areas on an annual basis. The expo focuses on education and career information unlike a job fair.

Vice Chair Smith recognized Dennis Ichikawa as the newest council member. He also announced Mike Wall has accepted an appointment to serve as the Youth Council Vice Chair.

Ignacio Pesqueira expressed his concern regarding the lack of youth members on the council and asked the providers to refer interested youth to him and he would be happy to meet with them as possible candidates to serve on the council.

Ms. Collins suggested the providers may want to consider designating a staff person to strictly assist with obtaining documentation i.e. birth certificates in order to increase enrollment.

**IX. Adjournment**

Tony Maldonado made a motion to adjourn. Ted Murphree seconded the motion. Vice Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 9:36 a.m.