

**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**

I. Call to Order

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

II. 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

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

IV. 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.

V. 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.

VI. 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.

VII. 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.