

**MARICOPA WORKFORCE CONNECTIONS
YOUTH COUNCIL
Gilbert Career Center
735 N. Gilbert Road, Suite 134, Gilbert, 85234
Business Services Suites 1 & 2**

Minutes

January 17, 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
Don Smith	Mike Hayashi (E)	Todd Berndt
Graciela Garcia Candia	Charles McCarty (E)	Sherri Connell
Rebecca Flanagan	Randy Kimmens (E)	Barb Rorwick
Dennis Ichikawa (T)	Beverly Baeza-Hardaway (E)	Laurie Ontiveros
Tony Maldonado	Maude Brinkley	Cheryl Rossiter
Patrick Burkhart	Ché Collins (E)	Dawn Zimmer
Chris Tovar		William O'Brien
Mike Wall		Diana Shepherd
Angelo Maisto		Kim Faust
Ignacio Pesqueira		Victoria Sanchez
		Janis Mueller
		Guests
		Sanzanna Lolis, GICA
		Blake Hampton, GICA
		Sharlet Barnett, ACYR
		Anthony Rivera
		Mike Grasier, YMCA
		Richmond Vincent

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes –Action

Patrick Burkhart made a motion to approve the minutes from November 15, 2007. Graciela Garcia Candia seconded the motion. The motion carried.

IV. Approval of the Request for Proposal (RFP)—Action

Maricopa County Program Administrative Manager Kim Faust presented the council with an RFP overview accompanied by a draft that will include youth provider services to general and special youth populations i.e. foster care and juvenile justice. The existing one-year contracts with Arizona Call-A-Teen and Goodwill became effective July 1, 2006 in response to an RFP released in March 2006. Upon receipt of an annual renewal, both contractors are in their second year cycle. The contracts were amended and will continue as set forth to include a cost incentive for performance under a one year contract with a four-year option for renewal. She concluded stating the RFP is an effort to align with the City of Phoenix in order to increase enrollment numbers with a contract start date of July 1, 2008.

Rebecca Flanagan inquired who the contractors are for the City of Phoenix. Sherri Connell stated that in addition to ACYR and GICA, they also contract with Valley of the Sun United Way. Tony Maldonado inquired why an RFP is being released instead of an amendment. He further pointed out that youth services should be made available throughout the entire county and

questioned whether they will through this RFP. Mr. Burkhart reassured him that this will be considered during the evaluation process and the decision has been made to release an RFP instead if amending the existing contracts in lieu of the West Valley Youth Career Center. **Mr. Maldonado made a motion to approve the Youth Council’s recommendation to the Full Board to release an RFP with the final draft subject to approval by the Youth Council. Ms. Flanagan seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

V. Approval of Monthly Provider Reports—Action

Maricopa County Contracts Supervisor Bill O’Brien presented revised versions of the provider reports to be more comprehensive for the council. The monthly reports will reflect enrollment and the quarterly reports will reflect WIA performance measures in contrast to the existing report that consolidates the two. MWC Chair Richmond Vincent asked if exits indicate job placement. Mr. Burkhart confirmed older youth employment is tracked and clarified that the purpose of WIA for younger youth is to preserve them within the pipeline through education. Dennis Ichikawa suggested race and gender be included in the quarterly report to reflect current demographics. The council will receive a populated report prior to the next council meeting. **Mr. Maldonado made a motion to table this item until the next meeting. Mike Wall seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

VI. Program Report—For information only

PLOT—Producing Leaders of Tomorrow

Maricopa County School-to-Career Coordinator Todd Berndt reported several workshops are scheduled including financial aid presented by Glendale Community College and Arizona State University.

VII. Provider Reports—For information only

ACYR—Sharlett Barnett reported 14-15 youth recruited from the West Valley Career Center are pending WIA enrollment and 25 youth from the western Maricopa and Scottsdale area pending eligibility.

GICA—Sanzanna Lolis reported 10-11 youth are in the eligibility process recruited by an Outreach Specialist. She further mentioned consideration to designate another staff person to conduct outreach in an effort to increase enrollment and recently hired Blake Hampton as the MWC Program Coordinator on behalf of Goodwill. She announced they have streamlined the eligibility process from weekly to daily to eliminate the lag period that hinders enrollments. All staff is scheduled to attend cross training on WIA eligibility. Exits include two youth who have gained employment, one obtained a GED, one enlisted in the military, one who cannot be contacted.

Las Artes—Program Director Mike Grasier reported 17 youth total enrolled with a target goal of 24 youth by the end of January. He provided a program brochure to the council and announced a grand opening to unveil their new logo sometime in February. Mr. Vincent asked if City of Phoenix will partner on this program. Mr. Burkhart stated dialogue has occurred but a formal partnership has not been established.

VIII. Call to the public

No comments from the public

IX. Announcements

Maricopa County Communications Specialist Dawn Zimmer send out a news release on general youth services and the Peoria Boys and Girls Club job fair slated for April of which the East Valley Tribune will run it on Sunday. Ms. Flanagan requested a copy for distribution.

X. Adjournment

Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 9:26 a.m.