

**MARICOPA WORKFORCE CONNECTIONS
YOUTH COUNCIL
Maricopa County Human Services Department
234 North Central, Suite 3201, Phoenix, AZ 85004
Sun Conference Room
Minutes
February 14, 2008**

I. Call to Order

Chair Don Smith called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

II. Roll Call: Quorum

Present	Excused/Absent	Staff
Don Smith	Mike Wall(E)	Todd Berndt(T)
Patrick Burkhart		Sherri Connell
Dennis Ichikawa(T)		Barb Rorwick
Randy Kimmens(T)		Laurie Ontiveros
Mike Wall		Cheryl Rossiter(T)
Angelo Maisto		Kim Faust
Mike Wall		William O'Brien
Bennett		Tina Schoville
Todd Berring		Kim Faust
		Guests
		Beth Salazar, Las Artes
		Gustavo McGrew, Las Artes
		Sanzanna Lolis, GICA
		Blake Hampton, GICA
		Mike Grasier, YMCA
		Eric James, Las Artes

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes –Action

Patrick Burkhart made a motion to approve the minutes from January 17, 2008. Dennis Ichikawa seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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

Mr. Burkhart reported only formatting changes were made to the original RFP as the content remains the same. **Mr. Dennis Ichikawa made a motion to approve the release to solicit proposals for youth provider services. Mr. Angelo Maisto seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

V. Approval of Monthly Provider Reports—Action

Mr. Burkhart recommended the new monthly provider report as discussed at the prior council meeting. Modifications include provider goals and new enrollment numbers presented more comprehensively for council review. Chair Smith stated that the new report is much clearer and easier to follow versus the former. **Mr. Burkhart made a motion to approve the new format for the monthly provider reports. Mr. Angelo Maisto seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

VI. Approval of Amended ByLaws—Action

Sherri Connell recommended council member term dates be consistent with the Full Board and reflected as an amendment to the Youth Council bylaws. Term dates for existing members will end June 30, 2008 with an option for renewal. Newly appointed members will have a term end of June 30, 2009 of which all appointed members will be appointed for a full two-year fiscal term. The Youth Council will be

responsible for recruitment since the Development Committee has dissolved. **Mr. Burkhart made a motion to approve the amended bylaws as presented. Mr. Mike Wall seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

VII. Approval of Nominations—*Action*

Ms. Connell presented a slate of nominations that fulfill mandatory requirements in accordance with WIA to include public housing, Job Corps, education and a youth service agency. She further reported the need to recruit for representation from local law enforcement, youth service agencies preferably from a faith-based organization and parents of WIA eligible youth as well as former WIA participants. She is requested a deadline to receive nominations prior to the Full Board meeting on February 28th for appointment by the Full Board. **Mr. Burkhart made a motion to approve nominations from Alphonso Patrick, Tony Maldonado, Graciela Garcia Candia and Che Collins as well as any other nomination received prior to the Full Board meeting. Mr. Mike Wall seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

VIII. Program Report—*For information only*

PLOT—Producing Leaders of Tomorrow

School-to-Career Coordinator Todd Berndt reported guests from the foster care workshop and representatives from Maricopa Community College have been invited to speak to the youth about opportunities available with financial scholarships through a series of workshops. He further stated there are currently 52 youth being served are working with Career Success High School to recruit eight to ten more youth.

IX. Provider Reports—*For information only*

ACYR—There was not a representative present to make a report on the program.

GICA—Sanzanna Lolis reported they are cross training all of their staff in WIA eligibility as well as working on outreach recruitment for eligible youth. They have a combined total of 45 youth in the eligibility process and enrolled in March. Two enrolled this week and 13 were deemed eligible for WIA services. They perform eligibility processing daily instead of weekly in order to increase enrollment. Twenty-one youth from the Happy Valley School District be enrolled as part of their special population.

Las Artes—Program Director Mike Grasier reported 22 youth total enrolled for February. They have 4 incoming with application process. They have 8 students currently taking their GED test 4 youth have obtained skill attainment, and 2 have gained employment, one at Fry's and another at a restaurant. The grand opening has been moved to March, April, they are just waiting for clarification of people that will be attending.

X. Call to the public

Mr. Burkhart disclosed the last appropriation approved by Congress, the bill signed by the President had a \$250 million dollar WIA rescission. It is unclear how this is going to affect Arizona is still unclear. The state has a matrix that shows that Arizona is going to take a \$9.9 million dollar hit which will affect dislocated workers and youth. The Department of Labor is expected to release a guidance letter which will answer a variety of questions previously addressed.

XI. Adjournment

Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 9:00 a.m.