

**MARICOPA WORKFORCE CONNECTIONS
YOUTH COUNCIL**

Maricopa County Human Services Department
234 N. Central Ave., 3rd floor Phoenix, AZ
Arizona Conference Room

Minutes

February 15, 2007

I. Call to Order

Acting Chair Don Smith called the meeting to order at 8:51 a.m.

II. Roll Call: Quorum

Present	Excused/Absent	Staff
Che Collins	Charles McCarty (E)	Jessica Martin
Graciela Garcia Candia	Barb Stahl (E)	Jodi Hall
Rebecca Flanagan	Maude Brinkley	Cheryl Rossiter
Vanessa Gonzalez	Beverly Baeza-Hardaway	Sherri Connell
Mike Hayashi	Tony Maldonado	Todd Berndt
Madge Haynes	Ted Murphree	Guests
Angelo Maisto	Ignacio Pesqueira	Julianne Rose, ACYR
Susan Schmidt		Anthony Rivera, ACYR
Don Smith		Carol Edmund, Goodwill
Chris Tovar		
Mike Wall		

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes – Action

Mike Wall motioned to approve the January 18, 2007 minutes. Madge Haynes seconded the motion. The motion carried.

IV. Program Report

Jessica Martin reported the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors approved the youth contract amendments and she is working with the providers in order to implement the new method of contracting. She will be researching the foster care campus concept and anticipates travel to San Diego to visit their campus.. Further review was conducted on the partnership between Maricopa County and Job Corps of which she reported there were a high number of referrals during the time when a Job Corps staff representative worked out of the Peoria and Gilbert one stops; however, in absence of a staff representative, the numbers decreased thus impacting the relationship between Maricopa County and Job Corps. Ms. Martin invited Che Collins to have further dialogue to determine staff presence in the one stop or develop an alternate process of referral such as the option of co-enrollment with the implementation of a shared database. Ms. Martin also extended an invitation to all providers to utilize the west-side facility that is currently under construction.

V. Provider Reports

A. ACYR, Inc.

Julianne Rose reported ACYR is fully staffed and has implemented outreach services of which she presented a flyer to market their current services. ACYR is in the process of updating their website. Seventy-two out of 98 youth are either in the initial assessment phase or eligibility determination process. GED classes continue in Glendale and the City of Tolleson. Ms. Rose further reported an MOU will be presented to the board on February 5 awaiting approval in order

to establish a partnership with the City of Avondale. If approved, ACYR will be granted in-kind services. She announced that during the week of March 5, HMS, the hiring authority for Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport, will present to WIA, AVE and student participants on job opportunities of which they will return on March 8 and interview candidates with a possibility of being hired on the spot.

B. GICA

Carol Edmund provided handouts on provider performance and reported a 100% skill attainment rate.

VI. 2007 Subcommittee Assignments

This item has been tabled until the next meeting scheduled on Thursday, March 15, 2007.

VII. Call to the Public

Mike Hayashi recently hired a 21-year-old ASU West student as a trainer for his company Take Control Self Defense and offered his services for school fundraisers in light of the issue of sexual assault against teachers and students. He has also teamed up with a dating coach who often addresses safety on MySpace.com. He has joined the marketing committee for CASA and has extended promotional opportunities to the council since he will be visiting school campuses as a result of his committee membership.

Mike Wall would like to host the next meeting of which all council members agreed. All members will receive an email with details on the location.

Madge Haynes announced that there will be a luncheon next month to discuss 20/20 Vision in which they will identify outcomes specific to foster care children.

Chris Tovar will be unable to attend the next meeting.

VIII. Adjournment

Mike Wall motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mike Hayashi seconded the motion. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:36 a.m.