

**MARICOPA WORKFORCE CONNECTIONS
YOUTH COUNCIL**
Maricopa County Human Services Department
234 North Central, Suite 3201, Phoenix, AZ 85004
Arizona Conference Room

Minutes
March 20, 2008

I. Call to Order

Chair Don Smith called the meeting to order at 8:44 a.m.

II. Roll Call: Quorum

Present	Excused/Absent	Staff
Don Smith	Randy Kimmens (E)	Todd Berndt
Patrick Burkhart	Tony Maldonado	Sherri Connell
Dennis Ichikawa (T)	Bob Neckes (E)	Barb Rorwick
Angelo Maisto	Alphonso Patrick	Tina Schoville
Mike Wall		William O'Brien
Graciela Garcia Candia		Victoria Sanchez
Julia Estrada		Trina Jenkins
		Guests
		Sean Calahan, Lighthouse Church
		Sharlett Barnett, ACYR
		Anthony Rivera, ACYR
		Sanzanna Lolis, GICA
		Blake Hampton, GICA
		Mike Graser, YMCA

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes –Action

Patrick Burkhart made a motion to approve the minutes from February 14, 2008. Vice Chair Mike Wall seconded the motion. The motion carried.

IV. Selection and approval of Youth Council nominations—Action

Sherri Connell referenced four nominations received to fulfill WIA former participant mandated seats and thanked Goodwill and ACYR for coordinating efforts for nomination submissions. She reported the need to fill other mandated vacancies to include a parent of WIA-eligible youth, law enforcement and private industry of which they will remain a standing agenda item until these seats are filled. The deadline for nominations is Friday, April 18th at 5:00 pm. Chair Smith read the criteria of which the nominations will be selected for recommendation to the Full Board. Patrick Burkhart requested to table two of the four nominations and asked for additional information from ACYR and Goodwill before a determination is made. Chair Smith offered to meet with Ignacio Pesqueira. **Mr. Burkhart made a motion to approve the nominations for Israel Pablos and Timothy Etchells. Vice Chair Wall seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

V. Program Report—For information only

School-to-Career Coordinator Todd Berndt reported an upcoming career fair on April 15th at Copper Canyon High School from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. They are currently holding classes in resume writing and interview techniques. JC Penny is sponsoring a program, “Professional Attire for PLOT Recognition” and will furnish clothes for students to interview in. The finale for PLOT Recognition will be held June 5th at the Glendale Adult Center.

VII. Provider Reports—*For information only*

Contracts Administrator Barb Rorwick reported a pre-proposal conference held on March 5th for those organizations interested in applying and information is posted on the Materials Management website. RFP's are due March 27th. In October 2007, providers were asked to submit their action plan along with enrollment numbers for the upcoming contract year. In January 2008, the numbers started out strong but were down in February. There should be a better report of numbers in March due to outreach efforts.

ACYR—Quarterly presentation

Sharlett Barnett reported that they are in partnership with Youth Builders to host a webcast presentation on April 1st with three presidential candidates. Seventy-five students will participate with a question and answer session after the presentation. ACYR is hosting an open house on April 3rd from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. They have conducted 43 presentations to youth throughout the community. Sixteen youth are in the eligibility process and four are pending enrollment but all 20 should be enrolled by the end of the month.

GICA—Sanzanna Lolis reported Goodwill was an exhibitor at the Spring Break Spirit Fest held at Tempe Town Lakes on March 15. They had several people stop to find out about the program and five to six kids signed up for services. There was a Goodwill Youth job fair held at the Arizona Mills Mall from April 18-20. They are currently in the process of opening a computer lab to serve as a testing site for credentials through the National Retail Federation where students are required to take classes in customer service, handling difficult customers, consumer math and professional etiquette. Fourteen youth were eligible for services in March and four to five are in the pipeline at this time with a total of 21 youth to receive services in March.

Las Artes—Mike Graser reported 26 youth total enrolled for March and one student exited. They have one in the application process and three to four pending approval through the probation department. They have seven students currently taking their GED test; eight presently raised their test scores and six students received their GED

VIII. Call to the public

Vice Chair Wall announced a Skills USA field pick-up program will be held at the Civic Center on April 28th.

Victoria Sanchez reported that the Boys & Girls Club and Maricopa County will host a job fair on April 10th with commitments from 25 employers. The reading area is now set up at the centers with approximately 1800 books and two bookshelves donated from IKEA. Each child will receive a book for every visit to these centers to take home.

Patrick Burkhart stated that he is still waiting for the Department of Labor to issue a guidance letter to the state regarding the rescission. He also asked council members to start thinking about the strategic planning retreat with PWC.

Chair Smith asked Julia Estrada to introduce herself to the council.

IX. Adjournment

Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 9:55 a.m.