

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

Minutes  
April 17, 2008

**I. Call to Order**

Chair Don Smith called the meeting to order at 8:39 a.m.

**II. Roll Call: Quorum**

Present	Excused/Absent	Staff
Don Smith	Randy Kimmens	Todd Berndt
Patrick Burkhart	Alphonso Patrick	Sherri Connell
Dennis Ichikawa	Che Collins	Barb Rorwick
Angelo Maisto		Tina Schoville
Mike Wall		William O'Brien
Graciela Garcia Candia		Victoria Sanchez
Julia Estrada		Trina Jenkins
Bob Neckes		Kimberly Faust
Tony Maldonado		Laurie Ontiveros
		Rudy Barcelo
		Dawn Zimmer
		<b>Guests</b>
		Sharlett Barnett, ACYR
		Sanzanna Lolis, GICA
		Blake Hampton, GICA
		Mike Grasier, YMCA
		Ignacio Pesqueira

**III. Approval of Meeting Minutes—Action**

**Patrick Burkhart made a motion to approve the minutes from March 20, 2008. Bob Neckes seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

**IV. Selection and approval of Youth Council nominations—Action**

Sherri Connell presented the nominations for Edward Salvador Ramoz and Ignacio Pesqueira. Chair Smith met with Mr. Pesqueira and would like to recommend his nomination for approval. Ms. Connell reported that Timothy Etchells is unable to be reached thus she recommended his nomination be tabled to the Full Board until further is obtained. She further apprised the council members the need to continue recruiting efforts for law enforcement and a parent of a WIA eligible youth and will be a standing agenda item until these mandated seats are filled. In response to Dennis Ichikawa, Ms. Connell stated that guardianship over a WIA eligible youth will suffice. She further explained that most local police departments have designated a community officer to serve on councils similar to the Youth Council. **Mr. Tony Maldonado made a motion to approve the nominations for recommendation to the Full Board. Bob Neckes seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

**V. Program Report—For information only**

School-to-Career Coordinator Todd Berndt reported the career-to-education job fair held on April 15, 2008 at Copper Canyon High School hosted 14 employers hiring for summer employment. On May 3,

2008, JC Penney's will furnish interview-ready professional attire for students to wear at PLOT's recognition affair slated for June 5, 2008 at the Glendale Adult Center.

#### **VI. Provider Reports—*For information only***

Barb Rorwick reported that there was an increase in enrollment in the third quarter due to outreach efforts. The second quarter reflects both youth providers have met or exceeded all of their performance measures; however, Las Artes is exempt as a newly adopted program that does not have any comparison data. Chair Smith commented that the format of the report is much more user friendly and comprehensive.

#### **ACYR—Quarterly presentation**

Sharlett Barnett reported that since the end of March they have had four additional enrollments of which six are currently pending and 19 are eligible at this time. They have conducted over 100 presentations to youth throughout the community. They are going to start holding workshops for youth at the West Valley Career Center once a week to include daily living skills.

**GICA**—Sanzanna Lolis reported Goodwill met their goals last month with 15 enrollments of which three were enrolled in April with 10 to 12 still in the pipeline. Through the collaboration of county and Goodwill staff, Goodwill will host a job fair at Arizona Mills mall on April 18, 2008 facilitating 35 employers. On April 24, 2008, there will be a Global Youth service day hosted at the Goodwill career center. Ms. Lolis noted over the past weekend, students from Make A Difference painted a mural at the 16<sup>th</sup> Street location. She ended by reporting a partnership has been developed with Arizona Saves to assist with a summer pilot program for financial literacy for teens.

**Las Artes**—Mike Graser reported 26 youth total are enrolled with an additional seven scheduled to be completed in April. They are implementing a two-week probationary period to ensure commitment. They currently have four enrolled pending submission of paperwork and ten enrolled in basic skills attainment. Seven youth have received their GED and four are currently testing. Four youth are now employed of which one has entered into Job Corps and two are currently enrolled in Maricopa Skill Center. Las Artes and PLOT partnered to enroll youth from Sunshine Residential into each of their respective programs. Whole Foods conducted a nutritional workshop. In addition, Las Artes has commissioned tile work at the Job Corps site. YMCA will host an open house on May 22, 2008.

#### **VII. Call to the public**

Victoria Sanchez reported in March, 862 youth utilized the West Valley Youth One Stop. Two hundred youth attended the WVCC job fair with an opportunity to meet with 23 employers of which 40 of these youth received job interviews. Ms. Sanchez also reported 1700 books were donated so that each child that enters the center will receive a book to take home from every visit they make to the center. They are currently working to conduct a book drive with Barnes and Noble and have already received bookshelves from IKEA.

Patrick Burkhart presented an overview of the federal rescission and the impact it will have on the division's youth programs as to facilitate strategic ideas to be discussed at the next meeting.

#### **VIII. Adjournment**

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