

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

Minutes  
May 15, 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
Patrick Burkhart	Julia Estrada (E)	Todd Berndt
Graciela Garcia Candia	Israel Pablos	Sherri Connell
Che Collins	Edward Salvador Pablos	Barb Rorwick
Dennis Ichikawa		Tina Schoville
Randy Kimmens		Victoria Sanchez
Ignacio Pesqueira		Trina Jenkins
Don Smith		Kimberly Faust
Mike Wall		Dawn Zimmer
Tony Maldonado		<b>Guests</b>
		Sharlett Barnett, ACYR
		Sanzanna Lolis, GICA
		Blake Hampton, GICA
		Mike Grasier, YMCA

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

Patrick Burkhart made a motion to approve the minutes from April 17, 2008. Bob Neckes seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**IV. Selection and approval of Youth Council nominations—For information only**

Sherri Connell reported ongoing recruitment continues to fill mandated vacancies and as such, will remain a standing agenda item. Dennis Ichikawa asked whether financial reimbursement and mentoring are options for those parents with WIA-eligible youth who may not be able to afford time off to serve on the council. Patrick Burkhart said he would look further into this.

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

Todd Berndt reported a 35/35 ratio of participants to employers who have gained summer employment through the program. He reminded the council of PLOT's recognition affair slated for June 5, 2008 at the Glendale Adult Center.

Mr. Burkhart apprised the council that he is working to duplicate the WVCC Veterans and Youth One Stops at the Gilbert Career Center although it will require acquiring additional space as Gilbert is currently operating with 1700 square feet versus the WVCC's 3300 square feet. He anticipates planning during the upcoming program year with the possibility of obtaining existing space adjacent to the center. Che Collins asked if the City of Phoenix was involved due to an overlap in service delivery to inner city youth. Mr. Burkhart replied that they are continuing efforts to collaborate and create synergy between the two organizations; however, this project is still in the planning stages.

He further informed that the division has hired a business account coordinator exclusive to faith-based integrated outreach.

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

Barb Rorwick reported that enrollment numbers are slightly lower due to the number of carryovers.

**ACYR**—Sharlett Barnett reported an additional 11 enrollments with one City of Phoenix youth participating in their summer employment program working in healthcare. They have seized recruitment efforts at this time.

**GICA**—Sanzanna Lolis reported four additional enrollments in April, six in-school and 10 out-of-school youth. In addition, they have established a partnership with Arizona Project Challenge. Goodwill hosted a job fair at Arizona Mills on April 18, 2008 featuring 25-30 employers and registering 150 youth; however, 300-400 total youth were in attendance.

**Las Artes**—Mike Graser reported 31 youth enrolled with an additional eight who have obtained a GED. One participant found employment in construction. He announced the Las Artes de Maricopa will host an open house on June 11, 2008 from 8:30 a.m. to noon with a continental breakfast. A formal invitation will be emailed to the council.

Mr. Burkhart discussed his role on the Governor's Five Keys to Youth Success in workforce readiness of which two issues emerged: How do you promote WIA to schools and churches with an outcome to improve partnerships and referrals. How do you serve youth exiting the current welfare system? He asked for ideas and/or feedback and extended an invitation to participate of which Ms. Collins and Mr. Ichikawa volunteered.

**VII. Call to the public**

No public comment

**VIII. Adjournment**

Tony Maldonado made a motion to adjourn. Bob Neckes seconded the motion. Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 9:08 a.m.