

**MARICOPA WORKFORCE CONNECTIONS  
YOUTH COUNCIL  
Maricopa County Human Services Department  
234 North Central, Suite 3201, Phoenix, AZ 85004  
Arizona Conference Room  
Minutes  
May 21, 2009**

**I. Call to Order**

Mike Wall called the meeting to order at 8:37 a.m.

**II. Roll Call: Quorum**

<b>Present</b>	<b>Excused/Absent</b>	<b>Staff</b>
Che Collins	Edward Salvador Ramoz	Kimberly Faust
Julia Estrada	Israel Pablos	Barb Rorwick
Tony Maldonado	Randy Kimmens	Rudy Barcelo
Angelo Maisto	Dennis Ichikawa	Dawn Zimmer
Mike Wall		Laurie Ontiveros
Don Smith (T)		Todd Berndt
Ignacio Pesqueria		Cheryl Rossiter
Bob Neckes (T)		Victoria Sanchez
		Bill O'Brien
		<b>Guests</b>
		Mike Graser, Las Artes
		Sanzanna Lolis, GICA
		Julie Sater, VSUW
		Adam Soto, Call A Teen
		Anthony Rivera, Call A Teen
		Christina Day
		Cher Roanhorse
		Tomasita Najera
		Dianne Warren, Call A Teen

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

**Tony Maldonado made a motion to approve the minutes from April 16, 2009. Angelo Maisto seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

**IV. Program Report—For Information Only**

- **PLOT** – Todd Berndt shared that the PLOT program has come to an end for this year and the last workshop will be presented tonight. They have 63 youth graduating from the 2008-2009 program year and there will be a Recognition Event next Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at Copper Canyon High School from 6:00 until 8:00 pm. This invitation will be re-emailed today for anyone that wants to attend from the Youth Council. They are expecting approximately 200 people to attend, which includes the youth, their parents, WDD staff and representatives from prospective job sites. The PLOT youth work experience starts on June 1<sup>st</sup> and there are currently 27 youth that have been assigned positions and they currently have a couple more youth in pipeline. The program has enough funds to be able to employ 35 youth so they are trying to qualify a few more youth to complete this work experience program.
- **WVCC Youth One Stop** –Victoria Sanchez reported that they went to Estrella Mountain Ranch High School in Goodyear and saw approximately 200 youth and passed out applications for the Summer Work Experience program. They also had a job fair at Peoria High School and saw over 470 youth and Summer Work Experience applications were also handed out. They attended the ERC YMCA Recognition ceremony where several youth graduated from the program. They also attended the CTE banquet at Raymond Kellis High School. Two youth from this school went through the VIP program with Maricopa County and completed their internship and were part of the ceremony at Kellis High School. In the month of April they saw 622 youth at the center and 145 of these youth were first time visitors. They have been really busy because of the Summer Youth Work Experience program. The numbers look really good for this year and they still have two months of service before the end of the program year.

## **V. Provider Report—*For Information Only***

Barb Rorwick reported that the numbers have increased again for Call-A-Teen and VSUW. They did not receive a report from Goodwill for this reporting time and Las Artes had one new enrollee. The providers have been very busy because of the Summer Youth Work Experience program. The providers will be enrolling youth into their regular programs and also enrolling the youth for the Summer Youth Work Experience program. The fact that the providers are keeping their enrollment numbers up besides working on the SYWE program is very encouraging.

- **GICA** – Sanzanna Lolis reported that they had three enrollments for the month of April. They have also gone through a staff change, Susan Laskorski, the program coordinator, resigned and the monthly report usually prepared by her was not completed. They have appointments with eight youth today for enrollment into the year round program. They held two eligibility events for enrollment into the program the first event 50 youth participated and the second event had over 90 youth participate. They have 67 youth that are eligible and approximately 50 of the youth are close to eligible but are missing documents. The parents provided positive feedback regarding both the program and the staff in attendance. From the summer program carryovers they have been able to identify about 20 youth offenders that they can bring into the year round program. They have three graduation ceremonies today with Charter schools and will be hosting a graduation ceremony for the GED recipients that came through MWC.
- **YMCA** – Mike Graser shared with the group that this month they only had one enrollment out of nine participants because documentation was not available for them to qualify. They had 44 GED's by the end of April. They attended the Fifth Annual Cesar Chavez Health Conference and were involved in the Cesar Chavez banquet with My Fest activity at Tempe Town Lakes and the YMCA Healthy Kids event at South Mountain YMCA. As of today they have four students on probation that will be rolled over into the main stats. They have seven youth on a waiting list and as of today have 52 GED's. They have a graduation ceremony also on July 31<sup>st</sup>.
- **United Way** - Julie Sater reported that they were able to recruit 15 youth and their monthly goal was 10 and currently they feel confident that they will be able to reach their year-end goal. They have three young ladies that have received full scholarships to ASU for the next four years. In addition one of these students received a scholarship for \$25,000 through the Arizona College Scholarship Foundation. Another JAG student received an award from the Tempe Diablo's Courage Award for overcoming a difficult family situation and will be receiving \$2000 for the next four years to help with college tuition. She also has an interview at Gateway Community College for a job with the nursing department. Currently Friendly House and CPLC have been working with South Mountain Community College to get the work readiness classes lined up and they will have 100 kids go through from June 1<sup>st</sup> to the 5<sup>th</sup> to go through training with them. The remaining 50 youth will receive their training on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. They received hundreds of jobs through County staff and 60 jobs in the city of Guadalupe.
- **ACYR** – Adam Soto reported that they have six new enrollments for April and seven more youth that are scheduled to be enrolled this week which will leave four openings for the remainder of the program year. They have 133 youth that are eligible for the Summer Youth Work Experience program. This leaves 80 slots for youth and they are having an eligibility event on Saturday to recruit for the additional 80 slots. They also have enough job sites to place all the eligible youth in this summer program.

## **VI. Assistant Director's Report—*For Information Only***

Kimberly Faust, reporting for Patrick, shared with the group that they have been able to secure jobs for the Summer Work program from companies such as Boeing with 30 work sites and are currently working with SRP and other high end employers to obtain more worksites for the youth. Bill O'Brien shared that they received over 2700 applications and the goal was to secure 600 enrollments. They have received at this time 754 worksites and more are still coming in. A breakdown on these positions are as follows: 271 positions in City Government, 203 positions with non-profit organizations, 148 positions from the private industries, 71 positions within the County Government, 54 positions with the Community Colleges, 5 positions with the school districts and 2 positions with the State Government.

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

Adam Soto from Call A Teen shared with the group that they were able to enroll the four youth from Wickenburg into their program. Diane Warren from Call A Teen introduced a youth by the name of Tomasita Najera and she gave a presentation on her successes with the programs that she has participated in and shared her future plans to continue her education at ASU on a full scholarship that she was awarded.

## **VIII. Adjournment**

Mike Wall adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m.