

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

Minutes
June 19, 2008

I. Call to Order

Chair Don Smith called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

II. Roll Call: Quorum

Present	Excused/Absent	Staff
Patrick Burkhart	Julia Estrada (E)	Todd Berndt
Che Collins	Israel Pablos	Sherri Connell
Tony Maldonado	Edward Salvador Pablos	Barb Rorwick
Ignacio Pesqueira	Dennis Ichikawa (E)	Tina Schoville
Don Smith	Angelo Maisto (E)	Cheryl Rossiter
Bob Neckes (T)		Trina Jenkins
		Laurie Ontiveros
		Dawn Zimmer
		Rudy Barcelo
		Diana Shepherd
		Guests
		Sharlett Barnett, ACYR
		Sanzanna Lolis, GICA
		Blake Hampton, GICA
		Mike Grasier, YMCA
		Rebecca Graigo, YMCA
		Graciela Garcia Candia

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes—Action

Patrick Burkhart made a motion to approve the minutes from May 15, 2008. Tony Maldonado seconded the motion. The motion carried.

IV. Approval of Youth Contract Providers—Action

A motion was made to award contracts with the youth providers based on an evaluation in accordance with the county procurement process. Tony Maldonado requested information on the average cost per participant in previous years through our program. Finance will work with staff to create a status for reporting costs of each youth participant served. **Patrick Burkhart made a motion to approve the youth provider contracts. Tony Maldonado seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

VII. Call to the public

No public comment

VIII. Adjournment

Tony Maldonado made a motion to adjourn. Patrick Burkhart seconded the motion. Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 9:25 a.m.

**MARICOPA WORKFORCE CONNECTIONS
YOUTH COUNCIL
Maricopa County Human Services Department
234 North Central, Suite 3201, Phoenix, AZ 85004
Arizona Conference Room
Meeting Notes
June 19, 2008**

Sherri Connell reported that this will be a standing agenda item until all the required positions are filled. She also stated that recruitment for a parent of WIA-eligible youth can be from legal guardians. She also conveyed that Alphonso Patrick is no longer with the Maricopa County Housing Authority therefore we will require another representative from public housing.

Patrick Burkhart conveyed that he participated in his first wrap up event for the PLOT program and that the students were very excited about the summer job opportunities available to them. Chevera Trillo, Gabe Loyola and John Garza from the Full Board were in attendance also. Patrick also stated that the Las Artes Opening was well attended.

Todd Berndt announced that the guest speaker for the end of the year event missed her flight and was a no show at the event; however, thanked Mr. Burkhart for standing in for her. Cheryl Rossiter conveyed that 39 of the 66 PLOT youth participated in the event. She also reported that there were 35 slots for summer work and that 29 of the students were placed into these jobs with four working at the WVCC. Other companies employing youth are State Farm, YMCA and Theater Works.

Barbara Rorwick reported that there was a limited enrollment for the next contract year. Sharlett Barnett, ACYR, 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. Sanzanna Lolis, GICA, 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. Mike Graser, Las Artes, 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 hosted an open house on June 11, 2008 and brought a former Las Artes graduate to tell her story for their quarterly presentation.