

**MARICOPA WORKFORCE CONNECTIONS
YOUTH COUNCIL
Maricopa County Human Services Department
234 North Central, Suite 3201, Phoenix, AZ 85004
Arizona Conference Room
Minutes
July 16, 2009**

I. Call to Order

Don Smith called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

II. Roll Call: Quorum

| Present | Excused/Absent | Staff |
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| Patrick Burkhart | Julie Estrada | Rudy Barcelo |
| Che Collins | Angelo Maisto | Todd Berndt |
| Dennis Ichikawa | Tony Maldonado | Kimberly Faust |
| Randy Kimmens | Israel Pablos | Trina Jenkins |
| Bob Neckes (T) | Edward Salvador Ramoz | Bill O'Brien |
| Ignacio Pesqueria | | Laurie Ontiveros |
| Don Smith | | Barb Rorwick |
| | | Cheryl Rossiter |
| | | Victoria Sanchez |
| | | Tina Schoville |
| | | Diana Shepherd |
| | | Dawn Zimmer |
| | | Guests |
| | | Sharlet Barnett – Call A Teen |
| | | Yolanda Carrothers – GICA |
| | | Justin Finch-Summer Youth |
| | | Mike Graser – Las Artes |
| | | Aiyana Kelley-Summer Youth |
| | | Sanzanna Lolis - GICA |
| | | Toni Padilla-Summer Youth |
| | | LaChelle Phillips |
| | | Beth Salazar – Las Artes |
| | | Julie Sater – VSUW |
| | | Adam Soto – Call A Teen |
| | | Larry Stevenson |

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes—Action

Randy Kimmens made a motion to approve the minutes from May 21, 2009. Che Collins seconded the motion. The motion carried.

IV. Program Report Summer Youth Employment Program—For Information Only

Barb Rorwick shared the numbers for May and June enrollment and the reports on the summer program. The June reports show the final enrollments for the regular formula WIA funding throughout the year, which detail how many youth were enrolled and the percentages for each provider. Regarding the Summer Youth Work program, so far this year we have enrolled the following: for Call-A-Teen we have enrolled 254 youth, for VSUW there have been 200 youth enrolled and Goodwill has enrolled 150. The expenditures/Budget requested for each provider is also reported as follows: Call-A-Teen: \$857,143, VSUW: \$685,713, Goodwill: \$480,000. The current expenditures to date are as follows: Call-A-Teen: \$444,264, VSUW: \$46,228 and Goodwill: \$37,844. Some of these providers requested funds up front in order to meet the summer payrolls but the accounting will be finalized at the end of the program. Some of the employers that are participating in this work experience were listed, such as Boeing, SRP, Cities of Mesa, Goodyear and Peoria, YMCAs, JLE Manufacturing, Tire Dawgs and Gila Bend School.

- **GICA** – Sanzanna Lolis reported that they completed the work readiness class for the summer youth work experience and had 97 youth which meets their enrollment goal for this year. All of the youth have been placed in worksites for this program. This session they did something different than the previous session, GICA took the youth to JC Penny's with a clothing allowance of \$100.00 gift cards for each youth. They took two groups of 50 youth and allowed them to purchase essentials for their jobs and provided them with bus cards. It was exciting to see the youth have this opportunity and some of the youth brought their parents with them.
- **YMCA** – Mike Graser shared with the group the report reflects the 4th quarter however they are on a different time frame than the other providers so this is their 3rd quarter. They currently have five youth in the pipeline for enrollment in July which will bring their enrollment to 96 so they will need to enroll four more youth in August which will be the end of their contract year. Presently they have produced 60 GED's in the program and there are 25 youth on a waiting list for testing and seven appointments this week for enrollment. They will be holding their second graduation on July 31st and the invitations have been mailed to the Youth Council members.
- **VSUW** - Julie Sater reported that the Aspire collaborative have 200 youth enrolled and 50 of those youth were for Jobs for Arizona Graduates and 75 each for Chicanos Por LaCasa and Friendly House. They recently formed a partnership with South Mountain Community College where 150 of the 159 youth that signed up did complete the program and received two college credits, also 48 of the 50 youth that JAG put through the program finished. On July 22nd the DOL is coming for a visit and will interview a Friendly House youth that is working at the Salt River Project in the Power Wise Marketing department. Overall they have met 94% in the regular year round program and enrolled 27 youth this quarter so they will have 101 of the 108 of their targeted goal.
- **ACYR** – Sharlet Barnett reported that they not only met their numbers this year, they were able to succeed in their enrollments for this program year and they currently have a waiting list for participants into the current program year. They have about 30 youth that are waiting to get into the program for this next year so they are very happy with the success of the program. Regarding the summer youth employment program, they currently have employed 369 youth so far and have another 100 set up for the next session. They have spent \$283,332 and also spent \$46,000 in clothing, gas and bus pass vouchers. They have about 15 young people that are participating in their summer work project and the outcome that they are working on is mapping and researching to design a teen room and looking at other teen centers to see how to design teen friendly space. They are also looking into fund raising and marketing to raise funds to build the teen center and are also documenting their work over the summer and documenting the summer youth program progress so they can show digitally the success of the summer program. They have approximately 10 different employers that have placed youth in the summer work program. They have about 50 youth that have participated in the youth experience at the Boys and Girls club and about 30 youth that participated at the YMCA, the City of Tolleson employed 21 and the City of Glendale approximately 17 and these are permanent jobs.
- **PLOT** – Todd Berndt shared that the PLOT program currently has 27 youth participating in the Work Experience program all throughout the West valley and today they brought two of the youth that are currently working at the West Valley Career Center to share their stories of their work experience. They are currently working on recruiting their next batch of youth at Copper Canyon High School next Tuesday where they are having a registration day.
- **WVCC Youth One Stop** –Victoria Sanchez shared with the group a handout that they are providing to the youth when they come into the center. The form that they give to the youth when they enter the Center gives them an idea of different things that they can do for themselves and on the back page it gives them an opportunity to list the services that they want the youth center to provide for them. The next handout is a 'report card' of what the Center has done throughout this year. From last year, the visits totaled were 1,200 and visits to the Center this year were 5,923 so they have increased by a very large number. The Youth Center has established great relationships with the school districts, new schools that have come on board and several high schools are asking for them to present classes on Resume and Interview Techniques, etc. She was also able to assist the PLOT program and the County VIP program is now up and running and three youth come work through this program at the Center. They have a relationship with Glendale Community College and Estrella. They also send youth to Jose Mendoza who has a team of people to assist youth with their FAFSA and other college enrollment paperwork. They postponed the Youth Job Fair with the Boys and Girls club at this time because of the economy. They also have a Boy Scout that is working on his eagle badge so he is gathering 1000 books for the reading center and building a bookshelf for the WVCC.

V. Assistant Director's Report—*For Information Only*

Patrick Burkhart reported that Summer Youth Program has required a huge amount of work because we had to start from scratch. However the program is achieving success. There have been bumps along the way and many lessons learned. The enrollments and placements for this program have been enormous. Regarding the DOL site visit on the 22nd, there were many delays in this program because of the delay of guidance from the DOL that will be discussed during this visit. There is an anticipation that this program may happen again but currently the White House is saying that there will not be a second stimulus. We need to do a post session analysis with the providers to review the process to make sure if this does happen again it will be much cleaner. Ralph Zackheim from the Regional office in San Francisco will be coming to visit on July 22nd and 23rd and will be going on site visits at both SRP and Call A Teen. The PWC youth placements in our office will be featured in the Wall Street Journal on August 9th.

Brandeis University is contracted by the DOL to look at four municipal youth programs from Philadelphia, Detroit, Indianapolis and Arizona. Arizona Call A Teen brokered both ourselves and PWC into this project. We met with them a few weeks ago to assist with their evaluation and case history write up which will be published this Fall.

Regarding the formula funding for the Youth program for this Fall, we received an allocation of \$2.22 million which is currently going through the Board of Supervisors for approval and to be countersigned by the State and should be done in the next couple of weeks. This is on the agenda for the BOS meeting on July 22nd.

We also have some term renewals to address for this committee. For those who want to renew, this has gone through the Board and we have also accepted Tony Maldonado as the Vice Chair. Mike Wall has stepped off of the Board and we also have a couple of potential people to join our Youth Council, one will be a former WIA youth and also her mother wants to step up for the parent of a WIA youth which will help fill our obligations for this council.

Patrick also shared that under the stimulus there are competitive dollars from five different pots of money under the WIA and we are currently working with a group of partners which include the Apprenticeship programs. We will also be working with the Maricopa Human Capital Collaborative group for funding for the "Pathways out of Poverty" program.

The President announced that there is a major initiative for the community colleges of \$12 million dollars over 9 years that will boost the college and cement a relationship with the community colleges. These grant dollars will give the opportunity to ensure a clear formal processes that will offer an effective handoff for clients to exit and get into the pipeline for the college system.

VI. Call to the public

No members from the public had any comments.

VII. Adjournment

Don Smith adjourned the meeting at 9:25 a.m.