

**MARICOPA WORKFORCE CONNECTIONS  
YOUTH COUNCIL**  
**Maricopa County Human Services Department**  
**234 North Central, Suite 3201, Phoenix, AZ 85004**  
**Arizona Conference Room**  
Minutes  
**August 21, 2008**

**I. Call to Order**

Chair Don Smith called the meeting to order at 8:38 a.m.

**II. Roll Call: Quorum**

<b>Present</b>	<b>Excused/Absent</b>	<b>Staff</b>
Patrick Burkhart	Che Collins	Kimberly Faust
Julia Estrada	Israel Pablos	William O'Brien
Tony Maldonado	Edward Salvador Ramoz	Victoria Sanchez
Angelo Maisto	Dennis Ichikawa	Tina Schoville
Ignacio Pesqueira	Randy Kimmens	Cheryl Rossiter
Don Smith	Bob Neckes	Todd Berndt
Mike Wall		Laurie Ontiveros
		Diana Shepherd
		<b>Guests</b>
		Sharlett Barnett, ACYR
		Sanzanna Lolis, GICA
		Mike Grasier, YMCA
		Adam Soto
		Ron Kalmbach
		Susan Laskorski
		Tyler Clawson
		Dayna Graser

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

**Patrick Burkhart made a motion to approve the minutes from June 19, 2008. Mike Wall seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

**IV. Assistant Director's Report—For information only**

Patrick Burkhart, Assistant Director for HSD provided an overview of the events planned for the MWC/Phoenix Workforce Connection retreat on Friday, August 22, 2008. The retreat will focus on four areas, one being youth services. Breakout sessions will focus on areas of commonality between the two organizations and best practices. Jessica Frasier, Jobing.com, will present, "The State of Employment," to all participants. Youth services information will be presented during the next Council meeting.

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

Todd Berndt, School-to-Career Coordinator reported PLOT work experience ended last week. All youth, except for one that was ill, completed work experience requirements. Two students secured permanent employment: one with State Farm Insurance Company and one with Claire's Accessories.

Memorandums of Understanding were submitted to two providers for the current PLOT program year: the Valley of the Sun YMCA and the Valley Christian Center. Camp will be coming up on October 10<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> in Prescott, volunteers are needed. Youth dollars are at a deficit of \$10,000 this year resulting in: cutting the budget for the end of the year event, elimination of work experience requirement, and the reduction incentive dollars.

Victoria Sanchez reported 3,700 youth received services this past year. She also reported that 88 youth earned GED's through the ACYR program. MWC had 387 new youth participate in its programs: 264 Older Youth and 69 Younger Youth, with 54 of these youth being In-School Youth. One hundred and eleven of the 387 youth were enrolled in either ACYR or Las Artes. Much outreach was done during the last program year and good working relationships have been established with the One-Stop partners. Older Youth are using the MWC Career Centers more, and are bringing family members along to use services. Victoria is working with the staff at the Gilbert One-Stop to design a Youth Services Center at that location.

**VI. Cost per Youth—*For information only***

Kimberly Faust, Program Administrative Manager, reported the cost per youth served for the last calendar year was \$4,000 each. Patrick Burkhart requested Barb Rorwick look prospectively and get the numbers for the first half of last year since there was a slowdown of recruitments for the second half as contracts were bid out and current providers slowed enrollments. MWC will recalculate figures for past services.

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

Kimberly Faust reported that youth performance measures show all measures were met or exceeded. She also stated numbers for July and August will be reported at the next meeting because newly awarded contracts started in July.

**ACYR**—Sharlett Barnett reported they are revving up recruitment and looking into a partnership with the town of Wickenburg to start the next calendar year. They have enrolled 4 new youth and currently 8 youth are in eligibility status. Fifteen to 20 more youth are working towards eligibility for enrollment in September. There are currently 200 youth in the program with 72 being new and the rest being carry-overs. Eighty youth are in follow-up status, contact is being made at least twice monthly.

**GICA**—Sanzanna Lolis reported on the progress of the Youth Offenders program which will serve 55 youth. They currently have 26 carryovers and will be recruiting 29 additional youth for this program. They recruited 13 new youth through the New Leaf program in the Tempe area which are all out-of-school males.

**Las Artes**—Mike Graser reported that the new contract numbers have 100 youth enrolled at the end of the year with 50 youth that will be carried over into the new program year. They have 20 youth who have earned GED's, 11 currently in GED testing and 6 youth will be eligible for testing in September. The program received their first audit and scored a 93%. Graser also reported that students in their program attend classes for 6 ½ hours daily.

**VIII. Call to the public**

Mike Grasier reported on a youth who has a dream currently enrolled in their program. The youth rides a bike four miles every day to the program. His attendance has been poor due to the deteriorating condition of his bike but he shows great initiative regarding the program. He has found a replacement bike and the owner has reduced the price to \$300 which is half of the sale price. If anyone has any ideas for fund raising for this bike it would be greatly appreciated.

**IX. Adjournment**

Tony Maldonado made a motion to adjourn. Mike Wall seconded the motion. Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 9:43 a.m.