

**MARICOPA WORKFORCE CONNECTIONS  
YOUTH COUNCIL  
Maricopa County Human Services Department  
234 North Central, Suite 3201, Phoenix, AZ 85004  
Arizona Conference Room  
Minutes  
January 15, 2009**

**I. Call to Order**

Board member Tony Maldonado called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m.

**II. Roll Call: Quorum**

<b>Present</b>	<b>Excused/Absent</b>	<b>Staff</b>
Patrick Burkhart(T)	Randy Kimmens	Kimberly Faust
Julia Estrada	Israel Pablos	Barb Rorwick
Tony Maldonado	Edward Salvador Ramoz	Victoria Sanchez
Angelo Maisto	Dennis Ichikawa	Tina Schoville
Bob Neckes(T)	Mike Wall	Cheryl Rossiter
Don Smith(T)		Todd Berndt
Ignacio Pesqueria		Trina Jenkins
Che Collins		Dawn Zimmer
		Laurie Ontiveros
		<b>Guests</b>
		Sharlet Barnett, ACYR
		Susan Laskorski - GICA
		Mike Graser, YMCA
		Adam Soto, ACYR
		Bridget Johnson, Aspire/JAG
		Julie Sater, VSUW/Aspire
		Nazik Kamar, Guest Speaker
		Anthony Rivera, ACYR

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

**Don Smith made a motion to approve the minutes from November 20, 2008. Patrick Burkhart seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

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

**PLOT**—Todd Berndt reported that they have served 92 youth in workshops teaching ‘Responsibility and Time Management’ at Sunshine Residential, Buckeye Outreach for Social Services, the YMCA and Copper Canyon High School. Because of limited funding for the program they are only able to serve 25 youth from Sunshine Residential. However several youth are turning 18 and leaving the foster care program so they only needed workshops. These youth will be referred to the One-Stops.

**WVCC Youth One Stop**—Victoria Sanchez reported that November was a busy month with 145 new walk-ins to the Youth Center. She also reported that December was slower with 64 new walk-ins. The Youth Center participated in the Maya High School’s Career/Job Fair and spoke to 70 youth about services we offer. They are continuing to work with the Peoria Unified School District CTE program and a presentation to the Board of Supervisors is scheduled. They have also participated in Kids at Home training and are scheduling a more intense training for a later date. They had 420 Youth served in the month of November and 318 in December. In January they are planning workshops at Peoria High School for Resume and Interview Techniques, at Tolleson High School they will be doing workshops for Resume Class, at Ironwood High School they will be participating in mock interviews and for Independence High School they will be doing Center presentations and tours of the facilities.

## **V. Provider Reports—*For information only***

Barb Rorwick presented the Monthly Enrollment Reports for November and December 2008. ACYR has met 100% of their goals for enrollment as of the end of December. Goodwill has made 44% of their goal, Las Artes 80% of their goal, and VSUW/Aspire 65% of their goals for the end of December.

The first Quarter Performance Report was then presented with all Youth Providers either exceeding or meeting their performance. Measures for Older Youth for Las Artes and VSUW/Aspire are not presently available, as they have not reached the reporting time frame as of this date.

Tony Maldonado was interested in a way to measure the eligibility completion versus the outreach and incomplete eligibility of youth, due to the amount of paperwork and documentation required for WIA eligibility.

**ACYR**—Sharlet Barnett reported that this month they have reached 77% of the contract amount with 46 youth enrolled by the end of the year. They served 82 youth in the presentations and currently have ten in eligibility waiting to be enrolled. They will be going to Wickenburg in February at the Alternative school to offer services to youth there.

**GICA**—Susan Laskorski reported the enrollment for December was not satisfying however, they are re-strategizing for the next quarter. They are currently at 27% enrollment with two youth in school and thirteen out of school, and two pending enrollment. They have limitations because they can only work with specific offenders and need to make sure they fit the program and will not be returning to incarceration. They are working with New Leaf for possible enrollment of youth.

**Las Artes**—Mike Graser reported that they currently have 67 youth enrolled with 50 carryovers. They have 12 new youth enrolled with six for December and six exits. They had 35 youth graduate and are anticipating another 4 graduates. They have started their third session with students at a fifth grade level and five are in the process of working on their GED. They will have an art display at the campus at ASU.

**United Way**—Julie Sater informed us that they have currently enrolled ten new youth into the program and are currently at 45% enrollment. She also stated that they are partnering with both Friendly House and Jag to work with homeless coordinators in the surrounding cities for possible enrollment into their program.

**Success Story from Youth**—Bridget Johnson introduced a youth, Nazik Kambar, who is a student at Coronado High School. She reported on her trip to Washington D.C. where she competed in a public speaking contest and won second place. Her story of her struggles and successes was very moving and inspirational.

## **VI. Progress Report—*For information only***

### **Bridging Project – Youth Matriculation to MCCCCD**

Trina Jenkins gave the details on the plan to bridge services, with MCCCCD. A meeting with MCCCCD staff and Program and Operations staff met on December 2008 to discuss how to link both In School and Out of School youth to college classes. Staff requested MCCCCD provide training classes to help MWC staff for speaking on different subjects such as Career Pathways and Financial Aide. They are also researching on what types of fast track classes to bring to the Centers and are in the process of putting together all day trainings for four days that will allow youth to receive completion certificates. Barb Rorwick passed out the survey that was dispersed to youth on what type of classes they felt would benefit them in preparing for college. This survey will assist MCCCCD in which classes to offer youth at the One Stop Centers.

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

- **Economic Stimulus and WIA Funding**

The stimulus package indicates that WIA funding will be part of the package. There is a possibility of one billion dollars worth of stimulus funding and today there was an announcement of what will be available for this package. Currently all Workforce divisions in Arizona are working together to come up with a plan when the funding becomes available. The new Labor Secretary stated that her first priority was WIA and Employment Services.

- **Congressional Outlook—WIA**

Patrick Burkhart, John Garza and Neil Alexander are going to Washington D.C. in February to review the WIA funding plan. They will be meeting with both Senate and House of Representatives staff to speak about the importance of WIA funding. There are also plans to invite Legislative Staff in February to visit the One-Stops to review our services offered.

**VIII. Call to the public**

Barbara Rorwick made a comment on the commitment of Youth Providers on offering services and continuing to enroll at risk youth into their programs. She had the opportunity to meet several of the youth that are served by the various Youth Providers and how encouraged she felt by their progress in being enrolled into WIA services.

**IX. Adjournment**

Tony Maldonado adjourned the meeting at 9:40 a.m.