

**MARICOPA WORKFORCE CONNECTIONS
YOUTH COUNCIL
Maricopa County Human Services Department
234 North Central, Suite 3201, Phoenix, AZ 85004
Arizona Conference Room
Minutes
October 16, 2008**

I. Call to Order

Chair Don Smith called the meeting to order at 8:43 a.m.

II. Roll Call: Quorum

Present	Excused/Absent	Staff
Patrick Burkhart	Che Collins	Kimberly Faust
Julia Estrada	Israel Pablos	Barb Rorwick
Tony Maldonado	Edward Salvador Ramoz	Victoria Sanchez
Angelo Maisto	Ignacio Pesqueira	Tina Schoville
Bob Neckes(T)		Cheryl Rossiter
Don Smith		Todd Berndt
Mike Wall		Trina Jenkins
Dennis Ichikawa		Dawn Zimmer
Randy Kimmens		
		Guests
		Sharlett Barnett, ACYR
		Sanzanna Lolis, GICA
		Mike Grasier, YMCA
		Anthony Rivera, ACYR
		Jason Moore, VSUW/Aspire
		Susan Laskorski, GICA
		Julie Sater, VSUW/Aspire

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes—Action

Mike Wall made a motion to approve the minutes from August 21, 2008. Angelo Maisto seconded the motion. The motion carried.

IV. Program Report—For information only

PLOT—Todd Berndt reported that they are kicking off the PLOT program with 2 retreats in Prescott for 68 youth. The first camp will be the weekend of October 10th and the second will be the weekend of October 31st. They are also working with two new organizations this year, which are the YMCA and the Valley Christian Center.

WVCC Youth One Stop—Victoria Sanchez reported that the West Valley Youth Center has approximately 40 GED students currently attending classes, ten are ready to start taking their GED test and five only have one test left to complete their GED testing. The West Valley Youth Center saw 363 youth for the month, 58 of those were first time visitors. Victoria provided an intake form that showed the Council the details of the services provided to the 58 new visitors as well as total services provided for all 363 youth.

V. Provider Reports—For information only

Barb Rorwick reported that the total new enrollments for September are at 34 and that Las Artes numbers are higher because they just ended their program year.

ACYR—Sharlett Barnett reported that they have enrolled two youth in October and have eight in the process of enrollment. They have done presentations to 40 youth at Aces High School and are looking to do services with this school. They also met with Rose Garcia, Principal of Wickenburg Alternative High School and are planning on working with 40 youth. Negotiations are currently in process of how to provide services, possibly through a web based program and two weekly visits with a six week follow-up visit. They are hoping to have this program up and running by February.

GICA—Sanzanna Lolis reported that they are starting to enroll youth, three in the month of September and only have the capacity for 39 youth for the program. She also stated that they cannot serve sex offenders or serious charged youth. They are meeting with services to make sure programs are available to help rehabilitate the youth. They are also going to be opening up a youth center at Alma School and Ray roads which will offer ESL and GED classes but the center will not be up and running until possibly January.

Las Artes—Mike Graser reported that the program enrolled six youth in September which gave them a carry-over number of 57 youth. They also enrolled three youth for October and currently have a waiting list for new enrollment. Thirty youth received their GED's and the first graduation ceremony will be Friday, October 17th. The program has been commissioned to do several pieces of artwork and will be displaying some of this work on November 15th at the art exhibit "At The Farm".

United Way—Julie Sater informed us that they are having a job fair at the Gilbert One Stop on October 24th and have 23 employers attending. They will also be holding a resume review on the 17th to help youth with their resumes before this job fair. They are also currently working with the Tempe school district to discuss transitional services for youth. Jason Moore reported on the JAG project which currently has 20 youth in school and 8 youth out of school and on contract. They are working with Marco De Niza, Coronado and Tempe High Schools in which 40 students with multiple barriers have qualified for financial and other services. The TAP program which delivers services to young moms at Compadre High went from four active files to ten new enrollments and five new students have been accepted by the Board to go to Washington D.C. for a conference.

VI. Recommendations to MWC Board – Joint Activities with PWC Youth Council—Action Item

Patrick Burkhart reported that we needed to follow up on the suggestions made through the joint collaboration with PWC. The focus point was to forge a relationship with the community colleges so that youth could be guided to a process to continue their education. The main worry was that once a youth was exited from our programs they would not be offered any services or opportunities to continue studies through a community college.

Tony Maldonado made a motion to put together a working group that will move forward with development of a transition program that will help youth to further their education. Mike Wall seconded this motion. The motion carried.

VII. Call to the public

No public comment.

VIII. Adjournment

Tony Maldonado made a motion to adjourn. Mike Wall seconded the motion. Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 9:32 a.m.