

**MARICOPA WORKFORCE CONNECTIONS
YOUTH COUNCIL**

**Maricopa County Human Services Department
234 N. Central Avenue, Third Floor
Arizona Conference Room**

Minutes

October 18, 2007

I. Call to Order

Chair Chuck McCarty called the meeting to order at 8:47 a.m.

II. Roll Call: Quorum

Present	Excused/Absent	Staff
Charles McCarty	Rebecca Flanagan (E)	Todd Berndt
Ted Murphree	Graciela Garcia Candia	Sherri Connell
Mike Hayashi	Randy Kimmens (E)	Barb Rorwick
Tony Maldonado	Beverly Baeza-Hardaway (E)	Laurie Ontiveros
Don Smith	Maude Brinkley	Cheryl Rossiter
Patrick Burkhart	Ché Collins	Dawn Zimmer
Chris Tovar	Dennis Ichikawa (E)	William O'Brien
Mike Wall		Guests
Angelo Maisto		Jodi Hall, YMCA
Ignacio Pesqueira		Chris Purdef, GICA
		Sharlet Barnett, ACYR
		Roger Gacke, Pipe Trades
		Lindsey Ashmore, GOCYF

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes --Action

Ted Murphree motioned to approve the September 20, 2007 minutes. Tony Maldonado seconded the motion. The motion carried. Mr. Murphree requested to start the meeting with a Pledge to the Flag of which will be incorporated as a standing agenda item from this day forward.

IV. Governor's Office of Children, Youth and Families—For information only

Lindsey Ashmore, Program Administrator for the Division for Community and Youth Development, presented a ppt and handouts of an overview of Arizona's Five Keys for Youth Success i.e. Caring Adults, Youth Engagement, Activities Outside of School, High School Completion and Work Readiness Skills. In 2004, Governor Napolitano called a 25-member task force together by executive order to establish foundational elements to establish a vision, mission, purpose and guiding principles comprised 1/3 of youth. She provided a handout that identifies how the five keys are in synch with 10 WIA program requirements. The P-20 Council is designed to address education from preschool to post-graduate work whereas the statewide youth development task force's objective is to augment the work in the classroom by addressing out of school influences such as relationships and environment to ensure positive youth development.

Patrick Burkhart referred council members to the Center for the Future of Arizona website if interested in reading background information that substantiates Ms. Ashmore's presentation. He notified the council that he will be serving on the job readiness task force group, one of five to address each of the five keys, with the GOCYF. Chair McCarty inquired if there exists a pool of mentors of which Ms. Ashmore responded that recruitment will initiate in January 2008 to all state employees with the exception of university staff. Council members expressed concern about quality mentorship when mentorship training is not offered and a sample curriculum will be

forwarded to the task force chair. Mr. Murphree volunteered partnership with the apprenticeship programs.

V. Full Board Liaison Subcommittee—Discussion

Mr. Wall explained that the initial concern of youth provider WIA enrollment due to barriers obtaining mandated documentation has been refocused towards the impact of Proposition 300 and an anticipated decrease in student enrollment at Metro Tech and EVIT as of January 1. However, he is working with Che Collins to identify resources that will assist youth with WIA eligibility. He recommended the Full Board take a position. Mr. Burkhart confirmed that the local workforce investment boards have the authority to take a stand since they are comprised of business volunteers; however, he will have to recuse himself from any discussion on this matter as a county employee.

VI. Program Report—For information only

PLOT—Producing Leaders of Tomorrow

Todd Berndt disclosed that PLOT is funded directly by the Governor’s office. The PLOT retreat is scheduled the next two weekends in Prescott to kick off the program year with 37 youth from Copper Canyon High School enrolled in the first camp and 41 youth from Career Success High School and Sunshine Residential Foster Care enrolled in the second camp that fosters team building and leadership skills. They will conduct a second orientation at Career Success in hopes of recruiting 10 additional students to compliment the existing 14 already enrolled. After receiving all feedback from the youth providers, the marketing brochure is currently in print and will be made available at the next meeting.

PWC Youth Industry Council—Mr. Burkhart attended a meeting with Cynthia Spell, PWC Youth Industry Council Chair Louise Moskowitz, Don Smith, Ms. Ashmore, Barb Rorwick and a City of Phoenix staff member and discussed how to maximize contracted funds to build a network of community partnerships of which a joint youth council meeting will convene the afternoon of December 13 at the West Valley Career Center (WVCC).

Vice Chair Don Smith reported that he along with Patrick Burkhart met with the Arizona Manufacturing Extension Program (AZMEP) to discuss accessibility to the Mobile Outreach Skills Training Program in partnership with Maricopa, San Bernardino and Riverside Counties through an MOU that will require Maricopa and the City of Phoenix to provide 50/130 individuals annually. The program provides training and education on basic shop math, OSHA requirements, machine programming and onsite experience turning on a CNC machine within a two-week period.

VII. Provider Reports—For information only

ACYR—Sharlet Barnett reported they have enrolled six additional youth in October with 20 in the process of enrollment and have seen 35 youth at the WVCC. A location to provide services has not yet been established in Buckeye. No referrals from Scottsdale received.

GICA—Chris Purdef reported on behalf of Sanzanna Lolis that they have enrolled 5 youth last month. He clarified that the skill attainment rate does not reflect work readiness only basic skills.

VIII. Call to the public

No comments from the public

IX. Announcements

Mike Hayashi announced after 10 years, he is offering a defensive training class Saturday, in Ahwatukee and passed out flyers mentioning a discount to student referrals. Jodi Hall distributed an invitation to the YMCA’s Fourth Annual Building Future Leaders Dinner.

X. Adjournment

The council disbanded at 10:00 a.m.