MARICOPA WORKFORCE CONNECTIONS
YOUTH COUNCIL
Maricopa County Human Services Department
234 North Central, Suite 3201, Phoenix, AZ 85004
Arizona Conference Room
Minutes
November 20, 2008

I. Call to Order

Chair Don Smith called the meeting to order at 8:47 a.m.

II. Roll Call: Quorum

Present	Excused/Absent	Staff
Patrick Burkhart	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)		Cheryl Rossiter
Don Smith(T)		Todd Berndt
Mike Wall		Trina Jenkins
Che Collins		Dawn Zimmer
Ignacio Pesqueira		Laurie Ontiveros
		Guests
		Sanzanna Lolis, GICA
		Mike Graser, YMCA
		Adam Soto, ACYR
		Bridget Johnson, Aspire/JAG
		Julie Sater, VSUW/Aspire

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes—*Action*

Don Smith made a motion to approve the minutes from October 16, 2008. Tony Maldonado seconded the motion. The motion carried.

IV. Program Report—*For information only*

PLOT—Todd Berndt reported that the second PLOT retreat was held at the end of October and there were 40 youth who participated along with several County staff members. There were 6 youth from BOSS, 11 from the YMCA and 23 from Sunshine Residential. The first workshop for Sunshine Residential had 49 attendees and there are two more workshops next Tuesday to be held at Copper Canyon High School. Cheryl Rossiter reported that every Tuesday and Thursday they will be working with the Valley Christian Center and Valley of the Sun YMCA/ERC program to do presentations. She also reported that a system is under development to try and locate youth that have completed the PLOT program so that we can verify them for the WIA requirement. Patrick Burkhart suggested a possible communication tool to be the construction of a MySpace page.

WVCC Youth One Stop—Victoria Sanchez reported that a East Valley Youth Job Fair was conducted and was a great success with approximately 100 youth attending thanks to the effort of Stacey Devine-Fairfield and her team. There were a total of three Youth presentations throughout the month with over 100 youth served. She also reported that they are currently in the beginning early stages of working with the Peoria Unified School District CTE program to start placing their CTF students throughout Maricopa County for work experience apprenticeships. She also stated that a total of 380 youth visited the Center in the month of October with 78 being first time customers.

V. Provider Reports—*For information only*

Barb Rorwick presented a report on the numbers of monthly enrollments from providers for October which shows an increase in enrollments. She stated that Las Artes has a different contract period that starts in the month of September therefore they have a higher enrollment number than the other providers.

ACYR—Adam Soto reported this month was quiet for them because of education week at the charter high school but they are currently working on five new enrollments for the month. He also stated that Wickenburg ran into technical issues but they are going to start recording presentations to give to the students on their program so they can reach more potential youth.

GICA—Sanzanna Lolis reported that they have one youth enrolled for October and four so far for the month of November with three in the pipeline. They are also conducting a Youth Focus group this afternoon where they will be asking youth what types of services they received, if they feel they are getting good service and what would they like to have added to the program to better serve them. They also had an adult job fair in which approximately 40 youth attended.

Las Artes—Mike Graser reported that the graduation ceremony in October was very successful and had 30 graduates and that three more have graduated since the ceremony. They currently have eight youth in the process on a waiting list and ten youth are waiting to be processed to be added to the waiting list. He also reported that they presented several pieces of artwork at the art exhibit "At the Farm' held last Saturday.

United Way—Julie Sater informed us that they conducted a job fair on October 24th at the Gilbert One Stop. She also reported that they are concentration on new recruitments this year and are working with both Friendly House and the JAG program for possible candidates. She brought along a partner Bridget Johnson from JAG who did a presentation on success stories with their program.

VI. Call to the public

No public comment.

VII. Adjournment

Patrick Burkhart made a motion to adjourn. Tony Maldonado seconded the motion. Vice Chair Mike Wall adjourned the meeting at 9:26 a.m.