

**Maricopa Workforce Connections, Inc.
Youth Council Meeting
Maricopa County Human Services Department
234 N. Central Ave., 3rd Floor
Phoenix, Arizona 85004**

September 21, 2006
8:30 A.M.

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

Charles McCarty called the meeting to order at 8:44 a.m.

II. Roll Call

Present	Excused/Absent	Staff
Charles McCarty	Barb Stahl	Jodi Hall
Beverly Baeza-Hardaway	Rick Hansen - E	Jessica Matteson
Maude Brinkley	Chris Tovar – E	Barb Rorwick
Margaret Daggett	Tony Maldonado	Todd Berndt
Graciela Garcia Candia	Susan Schmidt - E	Sherri Connell
Che' Collins	Rebecca Flanagan	
Madge Haynes		Public Guests
Ignacio Pesqueira		Jessica Troost – Goodwill
Mike Hayashi		Julianne Rose – ACYR
		Todd Metcalf – Goodwill
		Vanessa Gonzales – Job Corps
		Angelo Maesto – MC Juvenile Justice
		Don Smith – Project Challenge

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes – July 20, 2006

Madge Haynes motioned to approve the July 20, 2006 minutes. Graciela Garcia Candia seconded the motion. The motion carried.

IV. Old Business

Las Artes Update – Ms. Matteson reported that Maricopa County is still attempting to find a location to host the program. Supervisor Mary Rose Wilcox has requested that staff look at a location within Tolleson. Maricopa County will not be operating the program for this program year. Ms. Matteson reported that staff are working with collaboration groups to develop a Youth One-Stop for next program year and that may afford an opportunity to operate Las Artes as a program within the One-Stop. Currently, staff is working with Casey Family, FFAST, and Art Awakenings for the One-Stop concept that would incorporate foster care services at one location. Ms. Matteson requested more involvement from Youth Council members especially juvenile justice in developing the One-Stop concept. It is anticipated that Maricopa County will issue an RFP for to operate the Las Artes program next year.

V. **New Business**

A. **Newsline** - This item was a misprint on the agenda.

B. **2006-2007 Goal Setting** – Charles McCarty asked members to start thinking about ideas for this year and to bring forward their suggestions at the October meeting for discussion. Mr. McCarty asked members to focus their attention to the successful youth.

C. **Year-End Performance Results** – Jessica Matteson provided the year-end report to members. Ms. Matteson informed members that the program either met or exceeded performance in all areas this year and provided a breakdown of the negotiated levels versus the actual level. Copies of the report from the State will be forwarded to members. Madge Haynes asked if the percentages will increase or stay the same for this year. Ms. Matteson informed members that the State has not invited Maricopa County to negotiate levels nor has the program received their allocation this year.

VI. **Subcommittees**

A. **Provider Reports**

As the committee has completed their task, there was no report.

B. **Marketing**

Committee Chair Beverly Baeza-Hardaway reported that staff has developed PLOT recruitment flyers that target youth and adults (parents, teachers, counselors, etc.). Ms. Baeza-Hardaway also informed members that the committee will be reviewing information that staff collected on the general brochure for the youth program. The committee will also discuss proceeding with the brochure without Las Artes for this year.

C. **501c3**

Committee Chair Mike Hayashi presented an action item from the committee to decide if the Youth Council wants to continue with the process of becoming a 501c3 in light of additional information provided by staff. The projected timeline, required fees, and optional costs associated with becoming a 501c3 were discussed. Jessica Matteson suggested that members may want to explore opportunities to collaborate with community agencies that would partner with the Youth Council to bring in funds for services. Members discussed approaching the MWC as a possibility of establishing a 501c3 from the full board. Madge Haynes inquired as to why the MWC is not longer a 501c3. Ms. Matteson replied that in order to utilize the 501c3, the MWC ran into barriers with bringing in additional resources such as grants, accounting, and legal. Madge Haynes suggested taking this issue to the full board and looking outside of the Council for options.

Madge Haynes made a motion to establish an exploratory committee to research the feasibility of resurrecting the MWC 501c3. Mike Hayashi seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mike Hayashi, Madge Haynes, Don Smith, and Graciela Garcia Candia volunteered for this committee.

VII. Provider Reports

A. ACYR, Inc.

Julianne Rose announced that ACYR is working with Copper Canyon High School juniors for work experience opportunities with the Phoenix Coyotes and Latino Vibe 91.5. Ms. Rose reviewed the monthly performance report with members. To date, ACYR is serving 80 youth all of which are carryovers. Mr. McCarty asked Ms. Rose to explain why there are 0 new enrollments. Ms. Rose informed members that the program is establishing new partnerships during this first quarter for the new program year and anticipates new enrollments to begin once those partnerships are in place.

B. GICA

Jessica Troost provided members with the monthly performance report for GICA. To date, Goodwill is serving 57 youth with 3 new enrollments. Madge Haynes asked what the biggest barriers are for the foster care and juvenile offender populations. Ms. Troost informed members that those two populations are difficult to serve because of their transitory nature and also getting the word out to those youth.

VIII. Call to the Public

Mike Hayashi announced that Saguaro High School held a parent conference on student safety and Mr. Hayashi is donating his services to host a self-defense class. Flyers for the event were distributed to those members interested in attending.

Graciela Garcia Candia announced that JAG will be hosting their 3rd Annual Masquerade Ball on Friday, October 13, 2006 at the Tempe Mission Palms Hotel. Anyone interested in attending should contact Ms. Candia.

Che' Collins announced that Job Corps staff will take a more active role in the process of getting students through outreach and admissions efforts through partnerships with probation and foster care.

IX. Adjournment

Graciela Garcia Candia motioned to adjourn the meeting. Maude Brinkley seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.