

**MARICOPA WORKFORCE CONNECTIONS
YOUTH COUNCIL
234 N. Central Avenue,
Arizona Conference Room
Phoenix, AZ 85004
Revised Minutes
May 17, 2007**

I. Call to Order

Acting Chair Don Smith called the meeting to order at 8:41 a.m.

II. Roll Call: Quorum

Present	Excused/Absent	Staff
Charles McCarty	Maude Brinkley (A)	Jessica Martin
Ted Murphree	Vanessa Gonzalez (A)	Sherri Connell
Graciela Garcia Candia	Beverly Baeza-Hardaway	Todd Berndt
Rebecca Flanagan	Ché Collins (E)	Myriam Corral
Randy Kimmens		Barb Rorwick (E)
Angelo Maisto		Guests
Tony Maldonado		Jessica Troost, Goodwill
Ignacio Pesqueira		Anthony Rivera, ACYR
Margaret Trujillo		Julianne Rose, ACYR
Don Smith		
Chris Tovar		
Mike Wall		
Mike Hayashi		

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes --Action

Tony Maldonado motioned to approve the April 19, 2007 minutes as presented. Graciela Garcia Candia seconded the motion. The motion carried.

IV. Approval of Youth Contracts- Action

Jessica Martin requested approval for the youth provider contract amendment 3 for each contractor. Ms. Martin explained that as a result, ACYR will be contracted to serve 276 in- and out- of school youth residing in the southwestern and northern communities of Maricopa County for a total budget of \$929,317 of which \$84,483 will be reserved as a performance incentive. The initial contract for ACYR began on July 1, 2006. Contract amendment 3 will become effective as of July 1, 2007 and will expire on June 30, 2008.

GICA will be contracted to serve 283 in- and out- school youth residing in the southeastern and northern communities of Maricopa County for a budget of \$901,247 of which \$81,932 will be reserved as a performance incentive. The initial contract for GICA began on July 1, 2006. Contract amendment 3 will take effect as of July 1, 2007 and will expire on June 30, 2008. The contracts are for a one-year term with possible extensions of up to three additional year terms.

Rebecca Flanagan motioned to approve contract amendment 3 for each contractor. Tony Maldonado seconded the motion. The motion carried.

V. Update on 2007 Youth Council Goals:

Increase youth voice on Youth Council—Council member expressed their concerns with the meeting times that would hinder youth from being able to attend Youth Council meetings.

Suggestions:

- Contact in-school youth and make arrangements with the schools to allow on-site meetings.
- Offer stipends for students who attend the meetings.
- Offer other means of transportation to facilitate their trip to the meetings.
- Make connections with youth and ask for their feedback.

The Council agreed to gather feedback from youth, then develop partnerships in an effort to obtain sponsorships. Mike Wall will report next meeting on his efforts to increase the youth voice on the board.

Increase active participation of Youth Council— Council members would like:

- Meetings to have meaning for gathering.
- Understand the council's mission.
- Go back to basics.

Increase level of engagement with Full Board— Margaret Trujillo suggested the council conduct a community scan. Ms. Trujillo also invited all members to attend the Phoenix Workforce Connection/Maricopa Workforce Connections Joint Regional Strategic Planning Session on June 14-15, 2007 on behalf of youth and engage with the MWC Full Board.

VI. Provider Reports

Goodwill Industries of Central Arizona (GICA)

Jessica Troost shared a presentation on behalf of the GICA Action Committee.

The mission of the Action Committee is:

- To encourage enrollment in the MWC Goodwill program and assist career advisors in supporting their clients effectively
- To aid the career advisors in building stronger relationships with their clients by providing opportunities for the CAS to connect the clients and encourage their participation
- To sustain the action committee so that it can continue to assist clients and career advisors within the MWC Goodwill Program

Ms. Troost also presented a provider report demonstrating numbers for March 2007 and reported they have 15 new enrollments.

Arizona Call-A-Teen Youth Resource, Inc. (ACYR)

Anthony Rivera reported 16 new enrollments and 9 out-of-school. He reported on the Peoria High School career fair. The Avondale partnership is moving forward. Avondale will be accepting students for the summer youth work experience program. ACYR will be hosting a celebration for their youth participants.

VII. Call to the public

Tony Maldonado announced that the Cardinal Stadium will be hosting a career expo to introduce students/youth to new career opportunities. Colleges and high schools are invited and 225 booths will be available for employers free of charge. Mike Hayashi announced he will be facilitating a training seminar (TAKE CONTROL Self Defense-2007) on Monday May 23, 2007 6-8p.m.

VIII. Adjournment

Mike Wall motioned to adjourn the meeting. Ignacio Pesqueira seconded the motion. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:22 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Myriam Corral
MWC Recording Secretary