

# MEETING MINUTES

## COMMITTEE ON YOUTH

### SOUTHERN NEVADA REGIONAL PLANNING COALITION

January 22, 2009

**In attendance:**

Fritz Reese, Alternate CHAIR, Clark County  
Billie Bastian, Alternate, City of Las Vegas  
Marc Joseph, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department  
Jhone Ebert, Clark County School District  
Ken Lobene, Southern Nevada Workforce Investment Board  
Mary Ellen Donner, City of Henderson  
Gene Hall, Nevada Public Education Foundation (UNLV)  
Sam Chambers, City of North Las Vegas

**Absent:**

Darryl Martin, CHAIR, Clark County  
Steven Horsford, VICE CHAIR, Non-profit (Nevada Partners)  
Orlando Sanchez, City of Las Vegas  
Christine Clark, Higher Education (UNLV)  
Dan Goulet, Non-profit (United Way of Southern Nevada)  
Roger Hall, City of Boulder City  
Craig Galati, Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce

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**Agenda Item 1. Call to order, notice of agenda compliance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law.**

The meeting of the Southern Nevada Regional Planning Coalition Committee on Youth was called to order by Fritz Reese, Alternate Chair, Clark County, at 2:05 p.m., on Thursday, January 22, 2009, in the Grant Sawyer State Office Building, 555 E. Washington Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada.

The agenda for the January 22, 2009, meeting was duly posted in compliance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law requirements.

**Agenda Item 2. Approval of the Agenda for January 22, 2009.**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda for the January 22, 2009, meeting. The motion was approved unanimously. Billie Bastian, City of Las Vegas, had not arrived yet although quorum was met without her.

**Agenda Item 3. Approval of the Minutes from the November 19, 2008, meeting.**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes for the November 19, 2008, meeting. The motion was approved unanimously. Billie Bastian, City of Las Vegas, had not arrived yet.

**Agenda Item 4. Receive an update from the Committee on Youth Technical Working Group and other working groups. Recommended action - Take any necessary action.**

Tameca Ulmer, Clark County, gave an update on the Technical Working Group and the Youth Housing, Out of School Time and One Stop Working Groups.

Patrick Neville, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, gave an update on the School Safety Work Group via a PowerPoint presentation titled “Regional Approach for Youth.”

There was discussion by the Committee on outside impacts affecting school violence (i.e. foreclosures, unemployment, etc.); numbers and specific locations of core versus watch schools; and steps taken by Clark County Department of Juvenile Justice related to meeting stipulations of the Safe Schools Grant.

Ms. Ulmer stated that the Committee on Youth meeting start times for the months of February through April would be changed from 2:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

No motion or action was required on this agenda item.

**Agenda Item 5. Receive an update from the Southern Nevada Workforce Investment Board Youth Council. Recommended action - Take any necessary action.**

Ken Lobene, Southern Nevada Workforce Investment Board, gave an update on the Southern Nevada Workforce Investment Board Youth Council’s Summer Youth Program partnership with Clark County; their ongoing strategic planning process; and their Foster Youth Program RFP.

There was no discussion by the Committee; and no motion or action was required on this agenda item.

**Agenda Item 6. Receive an update from the Nevada Public Education Foundation regarding the Ready for Life Dropout Prevention Statewide initiatives. Recommended action - Take any necessary action.**

Hilarie Robison, Nevada Public Education Foundation, gave an update on the further development of the statewide action plan and priorities; addressing barriers to youth success on a statewide level as well as a shared youth vision; and progress made in Washoe County.

There was no discussion by the Committee; and no motion or action was required on this agenda item.

**Agenda Item 7. Receive a presentation on the organizational and capacity building efforts of the Committee on Youth. Recommended action - Take any necessary action.**

Kelly Henwood, Southern Nevada Workforce Investment Board, and Jose Melendrez, UNLV, gave an update on the development of high quality youth programs in the Valley including infrastructure and coalition building with non-profits; developing certification programs for youth workers and consolidating existing accreditation practices; quality development of programs such as leadership development; and a half day in-service was planned for February 5.

There was discussion by the Committee on blending existing programs and best practices throughout the country to avoid “reinventing the wheel”; apprenticeship program development; connecting existing foundation funding efforts to alleviate budget constraints and increase chances of grant awards; and developing a needs assessment of existing programs and gaps throughout the Valley.

No motion or action was required on this agenda item.

**Agenda Item 8. Receive a presentation on Clark County Parks and Recreation’s Gang Intervention Team. Recommended action - Take any necessary action.**

Melvin Ennis and Alex Bernal, Clark County Parks and Recreation Department’ Gang Intervention Team,

gave a presentation on their Back on Track Gang Intervention and Late Night Solutions Programs; their community service opportunities in conjunction with the Juvenile Justice and Courts programs; and their peer-on-peer programs.

There was discussion by the Committee on involvement with Parks and Recreation with programs such as late night soccer and park ambassadors; promotion cards; tracking statistics and measured outcomes; and maintaining programs to reduce the instances of revisiting recurring problems.

No motion or action was required on this agenda item.

**Agenda Item 9. Public Comment.**

There were no public comments.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:14 p.m.