

## MEETING MINUTES

### COMMITTEE ON YOUTH

#### SOUTHERN NEVADA REGIONAL PLANNING COALITION

February 26, 2009

**In attendance:**

Darryl Martin, CHAIR, Clark County  
Hilarie Robison, Alternate, Nevada Public Education Foundation (UNLV)  
Melissa Clary, 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  
Jose Melendrez, Alternate, Higher Education (UNLV)  
Sally Ihmels, Alternate, City of Henderson  
Asha Jones, Alternate, Non-profit (Nevada Partners)

**Absent:**

Gene Hall, Nevada Public Education Foundation (UNLV)  
Orlando Sanchez, City of Las Vegas  
Christine Clark, Higher Education (UNLV)  
Mary Ellen Donner, City of Henderson  
Steven Horsford, VICE CHAIR, Non-profit (Nevada Partners)  
Sam Chambers, City of North Las Vegas  
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 Darryl Martin, Chair, Clark County, at 1:13 p.m., on Thursday, February 26, 2009, in the Grant Sawyer State Office Building, 555 E. Washington Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada.

The agenda for the February 26, 2009, meeting was duly posted in compliance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law requirements.

**Agenda Item 2. Approval of the Agenda for February 26, 2009.**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda for the February 26, 2009, meeting. The motion was approved unanimously. Asha Jones, Nevada Partners, had not arrived yet although quorum was met without her.

**Agenda Item 3. Approval of the Minutes from the January 22, 2009, meeting.**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes for the January 22, 2009, meeting. The motion was approved unanimously. Asha Jones, Nevada Partners, 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.**

Shannon West, Regional Youth Services Coordinator, gave an update on the Technical Working Group and other working groups including a capacity building support and funding update as well as an announcement that the Community School Safety Working Group would be presenting a Community Safety Plan at the Clark County School District's Board meeting at 4:00.

Ms. West also announced that Tameca Ulmer, Clark County, was no longer serving the Committee on Youth, and because of recent hiring freezes no full-time person would be replacing her. She stated that a short-term contract of less than \$35,000 was being developed by Clark County for Cindy Ortiz-Gustavson to provide assistance and serve as an outside contractor for the remainder of the fiscal year.

There was no discussion by the Committee; and 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.**

John Ball and Ken Lobene, Southern Nevada Workforce Investment Board Youth Council, gave an update on the Council's progress and the development of a formal system work plan and programming efforts for the Valley. They also announced that the Southern Nevada Workforce Investment Board was sponsoring an expanded number of youth, increasing the age threshold from 21 to 24 years, in the Summer Business Institute program.

There was discussion by the Committee on promotion of the Summer Business Institute; expectations of 1500 youth served at \$2500 per youth; collaboration efforts; and anticipated expenditures of a \$600,000 grant including distribution/provider lists, interest meetings, advisory groups, etc.

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 Action Plan. Recommended action - Take any necessary action.**

Hilarie Robison, Nevada Public Education Foundation, gave an update on the Ready for Life Dropout Prevention Statewide Action Plan via a PowerPoint presentation titled "Ready for Life Movement – convened by the Nevada Public Education Foundation."

There was discussion by the Committee on summer opportunities and targeted projects being developed; completion challenges and scholarship opportunities; challenges facing families (i.e. transportation, books, etc.); fund availability and restrictions; and the possibility of summer employment leveraging some summer school requirements.

No motion or action was required on this agenda item.

**Agenda Item 7. Approve the creation of the Summer Employment Working Group. Recommended action - Take any necessary action.**

Shannon West, Regional Youth Services Coordinator, provided a background of various issues and challenges leading up to a need for the creation of a Summer Employment Working Group. She stated that the working group would focus on 14 to 24 year old youth and would work toward linking employment to increased numbers of graduating students.

There was no discussion by the Committee; and a motion was made and seconded to approve the creation of a Summer Employment Working Group. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Agenda Item 8. Receive an update on the CCSD School-Community Partnership Office. Recommended action - Take any necessary action.**

Bridgette Phillips, Clark County School District (CCSD), gave an update on the CCSD School-Community Partnership Office via a PowerPoint presentation titled "School-Community Partnership Program."

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

**Agenda Item 9. Public Comment.**

Anthony Snowden, private citizen, commented on the public being unaware of the outreach efforts and/or opportunities; and he recommended that volunteers needed to go into the community to serve those people who may not have access to computers or transportation.

Marc Joseph, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, asked whether the Committee on Youth meetings were televised; and Shannon West responded that they weren't, but she would look into whether it would be possible.

There was discussion by the Committee on the status of having a youth member on the Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.