

MEETING MINUTES

COMMITTEE ON YOUTH

SOUTHERN NEVADA REGIONAL PLANNING COALITION

May 27, 2010

In attendance:

Fritz Reese, CHAIR, Clark County
Bill Tyler, Alternate, City of Las Vegas
Kay Carl, Nevada Public Education Foundation
Mary Ellen Donner, City of Henderson
Stan Hall, Alternate, Clark County School District
Matt Hirsch, Alternate, Non-profit (United Way of Southern Nevada)
Kathy O'Connor, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department

Absent:

Orlando Sanchez, City of Las Vegas
Patrice Johnson, Clark County School District
Jeff Ogden, Non-profit (United Way of Southern Nevada)
Ken Lobene, Workforce Connections (formerly the Southern Nevada Workforce Investment Board)
Christine Clark, Higher Education (UNLV)
Pam Egan, Non-profit (Nevada Partners)
Sam Chambers, City of North Las Vegas
Roger Hall, City of Boulder City

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, Chair, Clark County, at 2:01 p.m., on Thursday, May 27, 2010, in the Grant Sawyer State Office Building, 555 E. Washington Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada.

The agenda for the May 27, 2010, meeting was duly posted in compliance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law requirements.

Agenda Item 2. Approval of the Agenda for May 27, 2010.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda for the May 27, 2010, meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 3. Approval of the Minutes from the March 25, 2010, meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes for the March 25, 2010, meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

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

Shannon West, Regional Youth Services Coordinator, gave an update including new Committee membership.

Chanda Cook, Nevada Public Education Foundation, gave an update about the newly formed Ready for Life Nevada statewide council, linking northern and southern Nevada, and combining with the Shared Youth Vision organization. Ms. Cook reported that the first council meeting had been held earlier in the month, and identified priorities included: leveraging current strategic planning and funding; submitting recommendations to key policy bodies (i.e. Legislature, other state councils, etc.); asset and resource mapping; and inventorying existing funding streams.

Ms. West continued with an update about funding systems and funding programs; and she announced that the Nevada Community Foundation was making a private donation to the SNRPC Committee on Youth in the amount of \$500,000 (disbursed over three years).

Cyndy Ortiz-Gustafson, Committee on Youth Coordinator, added details about the donation and stated that the Foundation would also be providing a link on their website to the Committee on Youth's business plan when it was completed.

There was no discussion by the Committee; and Ms. West recommended giving an update to the SNRPC Board at their next meeting in July to have them officially receive the donation.

Mary Ellen Donner, City of Henderson, also recommended that Ms. West give an update to all jurisdiction's Boards and/or Councils.

Michele Fuller-Hallauer, SNRPC Continuum of Care Coordinator, gave a presentation on the SOAR Program and process; and she distributed backup materials titled "SOAR Training – Stepping Stones to Recovery – Assisting People Applying for SSI/SSDI Disability Benefits", "SOAR Training – Stepping Stones to Recovery – Workshop Highlights" and "SOAR Applications for Disabled Youth Transitioning out of Foster Care".

Deborah Molton, Clark County, gave a presentation on the Clark County Housing Coalition, and she distributed a backup document titled "Clark County Housing Coalition – Offering a Continuum of Housing to Promote Youth Success in Transition to Adulthood".

There was brief discussion by the Committee about the number of foster children in and exiting from the program.

Ms. West discussed after-care assistance and older youth utilizing that program.

Ms. Cook discussed Workforce Connections Youth Council's Project 5000 – Kids Who Believed in Youth; and she presented and distributed a document titled "Ready for Life – Statewide Action Plan for Nevada – 2010 Progress Update". She also gave an update on Nevada Public Education Foundation's funding expansions and grant opportunities, including funding leverages such as set-asides for Youth Ambassador Programs for career and college awareness promotions and implementations.

Stan Hall, Clark County School District, discussed the School District's Work Experience Program with a partnership with Workforce Connections.

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

Agenda Item 5. Receive an update from the Truancy Work Group. Recommended action - Take any necessary action.

Cyndy Ortiz-Gustafson, Committee on Youth Coordinator, stated that the Truancy Work Group had officially

partnered with the group convened by Judge Elliott and the Clark County School District. She announced that an organization from Houston, Texas, would be giving a program presentation on best practices on June 7, 2010, at 2:00 p.m. at 601 Pecos.

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 Pregnant and Parenting Teens and Prevention Work Group. Recommended action - Take any necessary action.

Shannon West, Regional Youth Services Coordinator, gave an update stating that they were forming a partnership with the Southern Nevada Health District to work on programs related to teen pregnancy prevention, and the state is working on programs involving maternal/child links.

Ms. West also reported that preparations for the future summit were ongoing, and the concepts of teen pregnancy prevention versus parenting teens were going to be separated.

Jim Ostee, Southern Nevada Health District (SNHD), gave a brief update on a \$1 million grant proposal submitted for HIV/AIDS prevention which will impact the teen population as well.

Fritz Reese, Clark County, stated that he had signed a letter on behalf of the SNRPC Committee on Youth supporting SNHD's efforts on the grant.

A motion was made and seconded for the SNRPC Committee on Youth to endorse the Southern Nevada Health District in their grant application related to teen pregnancy intervention and prevention. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 7. Receive an update from Senator Reid's office on the Job Corps project. Recommended action - Take any necessary action.

Shannon West, Regional Youth Services Coordinator, reported that Jason Unger from Senator Reid's office would be giving an official presentation on the Job Corps project at next month's Committee on Youth meeting. She added that her office was still trying to get assistance on writing and submitting the grant for the Job Corps proposal.

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

Agenda Item 8. Receive a presentation from the Workforce Connections Youth Council about Project 5000. Recommended action - Take any necessary action.

Chanda Cook, Nevada Public Education Foundation, gave this presentation and update during the previous agenda item #4; and she announced that Nancy White had been hired as the Project Manager for Workforce Connections Youth Council's Project 5000 – Kids Who Believed in Youth.

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

Agenda Item 9. Receive an update on the Ready for Life Southern Nevada Business Case. Recommended action - Take any necessary action.

Cyndy Ortiz-Gustafson, Committee on Youth Coordinator, gave an update on the status of the Ready for Life Southern Nevada Business Case, and she presented a mock-up of it.

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

Agenda Item 10. Public Comment.

Fritz Reese, Clark County, reported that the Urban League was working on developing a children's cabinet process that will ultimately be replicated in Southern Nevada, and he announced that the Spring Mountain Youth Camp had been awarded a grant from Workforce Connections for their Summer Forestry Project.

Sam King, private citizen, commented on a Denver Truancy Group that she's hoping to have present at a future Committee on Youth meeting. She also commented on the development of a mentorship program to reduce costs.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:09 p.m.