

MEETING MINUTES

COMMITTEE ON YOUTH

SOUTHERN NEVADA REGIONAL PLANNING COALITION

May 28, 2008

In attendance:

Darryl Martin, CHAIR, Clark County
Billie Bastian, Alternate, City of Las Vegas
Christine Clark, Higher Education (UNLV)
Cynthia McCray, Alternate, Clark County School District
Mary Ellen Donner, City of Henderson
Asha Jones, Alternate, Non-profit (Nevada Partners)
Marc Joseph, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department
Gene Hall, Nevada Public Education Foundation (UNLV)
Katy Keith, Alternate, Non-profit (United Way of Southern Nevada)

Absent:

Steven Horsford, VICE CHAIR, Non-profit (Nevada Partners)
Orlando Sanchez, City of Las Vegas
Karlene McCormick-Lee, Clark County School District
Dan Goulet, Non-profit (United Way of Southern Nevada)
Sam Chambers, City of North Las Vegas
Craig Galati, Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce
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 Darryl Martin, Chair, Clark County, at 3:04 p.m., on Wednesday, May 28, 2008, in the Cambridge Recreation Center, 3930 Cambridge Street, Las Vegas, Nevada.

The agenda for the May 28, 2008, meeting was duly posted in compliance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law requirements.

Agenda Item 2. Approval of the Agenda for May 28, 2008.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda for the May 28, 2008, meeting. The motion was approved unanimously. Billie Bastian, City of Las Vegas, and Asha Jones, Non-profit (Nevada Partners), had not arrived yet although quorum was met without them.

Agenda Item 3. Approval of the Minutes from the April 23, 2008, meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes for the April 23, 2008, meeting. The motion was approved unanimously. Billie Bastian, City of Las Vegas, and Asha Jones, Non-profit (Nevada Partners), had not arrived yet.

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

Shannon West, Regional Homeless Services Coordinator, updated on the Community Indicator Trends (Education, Employment, Youth Involvement, Criminal Activity and Pregnancy Rates).

Mary Ellen Donner, City of Henderson, gave an update on the Out-of-School-Time working group that met on May 12; and Ms. West concluded with updates on the One-Stop working group that met on May 21 and the Youth Housing working group that was scheduled to meet on June 16.

Asha Jones, Non-profit (Nevada Partners), gave an update on the Desert Rose High School pilot project model.

There was discussion by the Committee on whether gang activity was trended; and Clark County was partnering with the City of Las Vegas Housing Authority with a pilot voucher program.

No motion or action was required on this agenda item.

Agenda Item 5. Receive a presentation on the youth workforce planning process from the Southern Nevada Workforce Investment Board. Recommended action - Take any necessary action.

Jennifer Ouellette, Applied Analysis, gave a presentation on the youth workforce planning process via a PowerPoint presentation titled "Surveying the Landscape – Youth Mapping and Data Analysis."

There was discussion by the Committee on: differentiation of drop-out types and classes; drop-outs versus relocations; rank ordering within the tiers represented; comparing successes of the tiers with fewer incidents versus those with more; inventory of services within the tiers and comparisons of how connected they are; racial disparity, by zip code, especially with middle school children; targeting services based on demand; and focus needs to be on middle school students, especially 6th graders.

No motion or action was required on this agenda item.

Agenda Item 6. Discuss future priorities and action steps for the Committee on Youth. Recommended action - Take any necessary action.

Shannon West, Regional Homeless Services Coordinator, and Constance Brooks, Clark County, presented the Zoomerang survey results that were based on five questions (1. Rank the Ready for Life Initiatives; 2. Primary Focus [Community Networking was the overwhelming response]; 3. Obstacles Expected in Achieving Community Networking; 4. What Services are Provided by your Organization; and 5. Rank the Ready for Life Initiatives/Services by Very Important to Least Important).

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

Agenda Item 7. Public Comment.

Lloyd Sauter, private citizen, commented on youth employment and community involvement; and he stated that a priority needed to be in getting businesses, with available jobs, on board to sponsor kids.

Pastor Troy Martinez, private citizen, commented on Safe Village and the Gang Task Force. He stated that violence and racial issues were connected.

Darryl Martin, Clark County, recommended getting the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce more involved.

Kelly Henwood, Southern Nevada Work Investment Board, commented on the Mapping Analysis being a tool not just a one-time-only data collection effort; and she was interested in future partnerships including middle school students since the current target was only high schoolers. She stated that RFP's were due on June 30, and she directed interested parties to the website at www.snwib.org for more information.

Mr. Martin recommended approving John Ball as a Committee member as a future Committee on Youth agenda item.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:01 p.m.