

MEETING MINUTES

COMMITTEE ON YOUTH

SOUTHERN NEVADA REGIONAL PLANNING COALITION

May 28, 2009

In attendance:

Fritz Reese, CHAIR, Clark County
Ken Lobene, Southern Nevada Workforce Investment Board
Mary Ellen Donner, City of Henderson
Mark Sharpe, Alternate, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department
Asha Jones, Alternate, Non-profit (Nevada Partners)
Jhone Ebert, Clark County School District
Gene Hall, Nevada Public Education Foundation (UNLV)
Melissa Clary, Alternate, City of Las Vegas

Absent:

Marc Joseph, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department
Steven Horsford, VICE CHAIR, Non-profit (Nevada Partners)
Orlando Sanchez, City of Las Vegas
Christine Clark, Higher Education (UNLV)
Delores Hauck, Non-profit (United Way of Southern Nevada)
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 1:14 p.m., on Thursday, May 28, 2009, in the Grant Sawyer State Office Building, 555 E. Washington Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada.

The agenda for the May 28, 2009, meeting was duly posted in compliance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law requirements.

Agenda Item 2. Approval of the Agenda for May 28, 2009.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda for the May 28, 2009, meeting. The motion was approved unanimously. Mary Ellen Donner, City of Henderson, and Melissa Clary, City of Las Vegas, had not arrived yet although quorum was met without them.

Agenda Item 3. Approval of the Minutes from the April 23, 2009, meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes for the April 23, 2009, meeting. The motion was approved unanimously. Mary Ellen Donner, City of Henderson, and Melissa Clary, City of Las Vegas, had not arrived yet.

Agenda Item 4. Receive resignation and accept nomination for committee membership. Recommended action - Take any necessary action.

There was no discussion by the Committee; and a motion was made and seconded to receive the resignation of Jhone Ebert, Clark County School District, and accept the nomination of Patrice Johnson as the representative for Clark County School District. The motion was approved unanimously. Mary Ellen Donner, City of Henderson, and Melissa Clary, City of Las Vegas, had not arrived yet.

Appreciation and thanks were given to Ms. Ebert by several Committee members; and Fritz Reese, Clark County, presented Ms. Ebert with a recognition plaque.

Agenda Item 5. 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 including: the possibility of reducing the number of future updates she gives to the SNRPC Board; re-evaluating the structure and responsibilities of the Committee chair as well as the parameters of new and existing working groups; a \$35,000 outside agency grant has been applied for to assist with continuing the planning work of the Committee; and a collaborative funding forum was held with representation from federal, state and local cities as well as major local donors to discuss topics such as community visioning, ideas and suggestions within the giving community, future funding workshops, etc.

Ms. West also presented “Southern Nevada’s Regional Plan to End Homelessness” and “HELP HOPE HOME Southern Nevada’s Plan to End Homelessness Implementation Schedule” as template examples of a business case and funding implementation schedule created for the SNRPC Committee on Homelessness; and she recommended developing similar documents for the Committee on Youth.

Cyndy Ortiz Gustafson, Committee on Youth Coordinator, gave an update on the Youth Voice Initiative as well as on various other programs found throughout the country; she introduced a new initiative being developed in Southern Nevada (the Community Engagement Initiative regarding Child Welfare and Transitioning Youth); and she presented the “Youth Voice Initiatives – Considerations for a Conceptual Framework and Program Design”.

There was discussion by the Committee about whether it would be possible to develop a picture of the entire community-wide giving system to include not only the Committee on Youth but the Committee on Homelessness, Clark County School District, etc. and on the idea of community visioning and what it would entail.

No motion or action was required on this agenda item. Melissa Clary, City of Las Vegas, had not arrived yet.

Agenda Item 6. 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 (SNWIB) Youth Council, gave an update on the Council and presented a contract summary including revenue, services offered, projected numbers of youth to be served, etc.

Kelly Henwood, Southern Nevada Workforce Investment Board (SNWIB), gave an update on academic and work experience credits; and she stated that a resource guide was available on the SNWIB website to give support to developing partnerships with employers, especially for summer employment opportunities.

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

Agenda Item 7. Receive an update from the Nevada Public Education Foundation. Recommended action - Take any necessary action.

Chanda Cook, Nevada Public Education Foundation, gave an update including: a legislative policy field hearing would be held in Room 120 at Nevada State College at 10:00 a.m. on May 29; the partnership between the State of Nevada's Department of Education and the Nevada Public Education Foundation was ongoing; and development and finalization of the Communications Plan was anticipated by June 30.

Shannon West, Regional Youth Services Coordinator, commented further on potential policy development dependant on state decisions to existing legislature.

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 a youth serving community program. Recommended action - Take any necessary action.

Jerry Simon, Clark County Juvenile Justice, gave a report on the Southern Nevada Community Gang Task Force; and he announced a Walk-A-Thon to be held on September 12 to promote the Task Force and generate funding for continued development and distribution of a Parent Handbook on Gangs.

There was discussion by the Committee about community responses to previous presentations made by Mr. Simon; and one of the first responses by the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department to parents inquiring about gangs includes providing a copy of the handbook.

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 2:20 p.m.