

MEETING MINUTES

COMMITTEE ON YOUTH

SOUTHERN NEVADA REGIONAL PLANNING COALITION

June 25, 2009

In attendance:

Fritz Reese, CHAIR, Clark County
Billie Bastian, Alternate, City of Las Vegas
Mary Ellen Donner, City of Henderson
Ken Lobene, Workforce Connections, formerly the Southern Nevada Workforce Investment Board
Patrick Neville, Alternate, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department
Gene Hall, Nevada Public Education Foundation (UNLV)
Kenneth Young, Alternate, Clark County School District

Absent:

Orlando Sanchez, City of Las Vegas
Marc Joseph, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department
Patrice Johnson, Clark County School District
Steven Horsford, VICE CHAIR, Non-profit (Nevada Partners)
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 2:03 p.m., on Thursday, June 25, 2009, in the Grant Sawyer State Office Building, 555 E. Washington Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada.

The agenda for the June 25, 2009, meeting was duly posted in compliance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law requirements.

Agenda Item 2. Approval of the Agenda for June 25, 2009.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda for the June 25, 2009, meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 3. Approval of the Minutes from the May 28, 2009, meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes for the May 28, 2009, meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

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 including: the Business Case and Funding Implementation Schedule is being developed and is expected to be completed mid-July; an additional

\$35,000 outside agency grant has been applied for, but funding is expected to be extremely competitive as the overall available money is decreased from last year; Clark County has applied for a National Capacity Building Grant, and if awarded, 60% of the money must be passed on to non-profit agencies; and an SNRPC New Member Orientation Packet is being developed, and a summary page on the Committee on Youth will be included in it.

Ms. West also recommended that the July, 2009, Committee on Youth meeting be skipped as no action items are expected. She stated that July's Working Group meetings would continue to be held as scheduled.

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

Agenda Item 5. Receive an update on the 2009 Nevada State Legislature. Recommended action - Take any necessary action.

Assemblywoman Marilyn Dondero Loop, State of Nevada District 5, gave an update on relevant bills and actions passed during the recent 2009 Nevada State Legislature.

There was discussion by the Committee about Assembly Bill (AB) 428 involving Education License Qualifications; Senate Bill (SB) 330 involving an Initiative for a World-Class Education in Nevada; and the importance of continued communication by everyone involved.

No motion or action was required on this agenda item.

Agenda Item 6. Receive an update from the Southern Nevada Workforce Investment Board Youth Council and the Summer Jobs Working Group. Recommended action - Take any necessary action.

Ken Lobene, Southern Nevada Workforce Investment Board (SNWIB) Youth Council, announced that the SNWIB had changed its name and was now Workforce Connections. He gave an update including: a recent Youth Bill grant award of approximately \$700,000; a Foster Care Grant application is nearly finalized for submission; the Youth Council is hoping to significantly expand the number of youth served during the summer from 300 to 5000; and innovation sessions will be held throughout the summer for continued evaluation of progress.

Shannon West, Regional Youth Services Coordinator, stated that a Youth Summer Career and Resource Fair was scheduled on Saturday, July 11 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Pearson Community Center, and the Summer Jobs Working Group would begin meeting in September, 2009, to begin planning for Summer 2010 programs.

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

Agenda Item 7. Public Comment.

Precious Pettaway, Workforce Connections, discussed causes of high school failure, reasons for dropouts, and suggestions for improvement via a PowerPoint presentation titled "High School Failure".

There was discussion by the Committee about prioritizing reasons and solutions; Youth Ambassador Peer-to-Peer program development; alternative avenues for communication among students (i.e. text messaging); developing communication and programs that are relevant to teens; academic administrators working directly with teens about "what works for them and what doesn't"; social networking development; teacher assistance in classrooms, especially with increased class sizes; guidance counselor interaction with students; swing shift class availability; day and night class availability; and utilizing "good" students wisely for mentoring,

classroom assistance, etc.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:52 p.m.