

MEETING MINUTES

COMMITTEE ON YOUTH

SOUTHERN NEVADA REGIONAL PLANNING COALITION

August 27, 2009

In attendance:

Fritz Reese, CHAIR, Clark County
Mary Ellen Donner, City of Henderson
Billie Bastian, Alternate, City of Las Vegas
Patrice Johnson, Clark County School District
Ken Lobene, Workforce Connections (formerly the Southern Nevada Workforce Investment Board)
Marc Joseph, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department
Gene Hall, Nevada Public Education Foundation (UNLV)
Tiffany Tyler, Alternate, Non-profit (Nevada Partners)

Absent:

Orlando Sanchez, City of Las Vegas
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 2:00 p.m., on Thursday, August 27, 2009, in the Grant Sawyer State Office Building, 555 E. Washington Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada.

The agenda for the August 27, 2009, meeting was duly posted in compliance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law requirements.

Agenda Item 2. Approval of the Agenda for August 27, 2009.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda for the August 27, 2009, meeting. The motion was approved unanimously. Mary Ellen Donner, City of Henderson, had not arrived yet although quorum was met without her.

Agenda Item 3. Approval of the Minutes from the June 25, 2009, meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes for the June 25, 2009, meeting. The motion was approved unanimously. Mary Ellen Donner, City of Henderson, had not arrived yet.

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

Cyndy Ortiz-Gustafson, Committee on Youth Coordinator, gave an update including: the Business Case and Funding Implementation Schedule is still being developed; an update on the One Stop Working Group and

the Summer Jobs Working Group; and a Ready For Life Southern Nevada website is being created to incorporate the local youth voice as well as be a venue for pushing content and updates.

There was discussion by the Committee about sharing information and content development among existing websites (i.e. Workforce Connections, Nevada Public Education Foundation and the existing Ready For Life websites); linking websites for purpose and focus; proper avenues for delivery and cohesive distribution of information; and the expected timeline for the completion of the Business Case and Funding Implementation Schedule.

Ms. Ortiz-Gustafson stated that the new website was expected to be similar to the HelpHopeHome regional homelessness website (www.HelpHopeHome.org) and would be a central site that could link or point to others as needed.

No motion or action was required on this agenda item.

Agenda Item 5. Receive an update from Workforce Connections Youth Council (formerly the SNWIB) on this year's summer jobs and next summer's planning process. Recommended action - Take any necessary action.

Ken Lobene, Workforce Connections Youth Council, gave an update including: the Youth Council is actively working toward their goal of increasing the number of youth served per summer; discussing services and programs offered; and the Council is continuing developing and expanding provider partnerships.

Kelly Henwood, Workforce Connections, gave a presentation on statistics and demographics from this year's summer jobs and next summer's planning process via a PowerPoint presentation titled "Summer Youth Programs".

Marc Joseph and Patrick Neville, both with the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, discussed several schools assisted in the "Core Watch/Safer Schools" and impacts programs have had on crime and/or gang activity.

There was discussion by the Committee about recruiting and eligibility at the school district; partnerships and challenges facing the school district; continuing coordination efforts; recruiting, participation and evaluation of the enrolled contractors; funding challenges and continuing programs with no federal funding; data collection and central warehousing options; evaluating predictive indicators for early planning; interpreting and tracking/reporting existing data; encouraging more private sector contractor involvement; considering annual phases of growth; clustering within zip codes for increased integration of services and alternative options for transportation; and continuing strategic planning toward developing lasting solutions.

No motion or action was required on this agenda item.

Agenda Item 6. Receive a presentation from Southern Nevada Area Health Education Center on their summer jobs program for youth. Recommended action - Take any necessary action.

Rose Yuhos and Lisa Popovsky, both with the Southern Nevada Area Health Education Center (SNAHEC), gave a presentation on SNAHEC services and their summer jobs program for youth. Ms. Yuhos and Ms. Popovsky provided statistics including 30 youth, ages 17 to 24, were served, and all were either high school dropouts or had graduated with a GED. Additionally, four of the youth were homeless and seven were single parents and/or pregnant.

There was brief discussion by the Committee about capacity; and Ms. Popovsky responded that the maximum

availability was expected to increase next summer to 60 youth.

No motion or action was required on this agenda item.

Agenda Item 7. Receive a presentation from the Police Athletic League of Southern Nevada on their programs. Recommended action - Take any necessary action.

Melissa Lardemeda, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, gave a presentation on the Police Athletic League of Southern Nevada titled “Today’s Youth, Tomorrow’s Leaders – Summer Work Program 2009”.

There was discussion by the Committee about resources and interaction and positive youth development especially with inner-city youth.

No motion or action was required on this agenda item.

Agenda Item 8. Public Comment.

Kelly Wood, City of Las Vegas, discussed a City of Las Vegas Neighborhood Services summer program titled “Batteries Included”.

There was discussion by the Committee about challenges faced and opportunities to strategically address them; the importance of including evaluation of underlying problems (i.e. employment readiness, basic financials, early pregnancy, housing, etc.); providing targeted services; working toward higher involvement by youth; and providing adequate service levels.

Fritz Reese, Clark County, announced a Southern Nevada Gang Taskforce Walk-A-Thon, hosted by Commissioner Lawrence Weekly, on September 12, 2009, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Clark County Government Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:44 p.m.