

## MEETING MINUTES

### COMMITTEE ON YOUTH

#### SOUTHERN NEVADA REGIONAL PLANNING COALITION

September 25, 2008

**In attendance:**

Darryl Martin, CHAIR, Clark County  
Steven Horsford, VICE CHAIR, Non-profit (Nevada Partners)  
Mary Ellen Donner, City of Henderson  
Billie Bastian, Alternate, City of Las Vegas  
Ted Moody, Alternate, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department  
Lucy Flores, Alternate, Higher Education (UNLV)  
Nicole Rourk, Alternate, Clark County School District  
Gene Hall, Nevada Public Education Foundation (UNLV)  
Ken Lobene, Southern Nevada Workforce Investment Board  
John Ball, Southern Nevada Workforce Investment Board

**Absent:**

Orlando Sanchez, City of Las Vegas  
Marc Joseph, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department  
Christine Clark, Higher Education (UNLV)  
Karlene McCormick-Lee, Clark County School District  
Dan Goulet, Non-profit (United Way of Southern Nevada)  
Sam Chambers, City of North Las Vegas  
Roger Hall, City of Boulder City  
Craig Galati, Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce

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**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 8:31 a.m., on Thursday, September 25, 2008, in the Grant Sawyer State Office Building, 555 E. Washington Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada.

The agenda for the September 25, 2008, meeting was duly posted in compliance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law requirements.

**Agenda Item 2. Approval of the Agenda for September 25, 2008.**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda for the September 25, 2008, meeting. The motion was approved unanimously. Steven Horsford, Non-profit (Nevada Parnters), and Lucy Flores, Higher Education (UNLV), had not arrived yet although quorum was met with them.

**Agenda Item 3. Approval of the Minutes from the August 28, 2008, meeting.**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes for the August 28, 2008, meeting. The motion was approved unanimously. Steven Horsford, Non-profit (Nevada Parnters), and Lucy Flores, Higher Education (UNLV), 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, discussed contacting similar organizations about policy changes to eventually forward to the State Legislature (i.e. Workforce Investment Board, Child Welfare Network, Mental Health Initiative, etc.).

There was discussion by the Committee on including Youth Violence and School Safety, and including discussions with Senator (Steven) Horsford.

Hilarie Robison, Nevada Public Education Foundation, gave an update on asset mapping and the online statewide database. Ms. West added that online case management and tracking is also being researched for possible implementation.

Chanda Cook, Nevada Public Education Foundation, discussed the Nevada Dropout Prevention Summit to be held on November 12, 2008, at Nevada Partners; and she stated that statewide action and a policy platform are the key outcomes expected.

There was discussion by the Committee on expected and confirmed attendees to the Summit other than those from Southern Nevada. There was also discussion on specifics of the asset mapping program (i.e. utilizing without internet access, language barriers, etc.). Ms. West added that print guides were being developed for distribution.

There was discussion by the Committee on the One-Stop Center on the Desert Rose campus.

Darryl Martin, Clark County, requested a future agenda item for discussion on Committee on Youth staffing concerns and future funding issues.

No motion or action was required on this agenda item. Steven Horsford, Non-profit (Nevada Partners), and Lucy Flores, Higher Education (UNLV), had not arrived yet.

**Agenda Item 5. Receive an update on the Youth Violence/Safe Schools Working Group.**  
**Recommended action - Take any necessary action.**

Shannon West, Regional Homeless Services Coordinator, announced that Fritz Reese would be taking over for Cherie Townsend who resigned from Clark County Juvenile Justice.

Fritz Reese, Clark County, gave an update on the Youth Violence/Safe Schools Working Group and on the citations issued related to juveniles and schools.

There was discussion by the Committee on continuing to be visible and vocal and on referrals and responses by Clark County School District and Metro.

Pat Neville, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, gave an update on Metro's involvement with schools, students and the surrounding neighborhoods.

There was lengthy discussion by the Committee on: where problems with students were occurring (i.e. on or off school property); developing Brimley School as a pilot school for wrapping services (in a manner similar to wrapping individual families) to see if it has an impact and can be replicated; using behavioral based criteria as a primary starting point with students; intervention strategies are needed to allow families and communities to access resources; using links within the community that are already there; developing a pilot

program (Brimley School) that is able to be replicated with as few site specific implications as possible; and consolidating existing programs, services and funding to even out the distribution will be crucial.

There was further lengthy discussion by the Committee on: anticipated participation in an eventual formal working group; surrounding neighborhood and community conditions have an impact; early-age violence and behavior signs are possible indicators/predictors (i.e. include elementary school involvement as well as middle school); statewide longitudinal tracking of graduating students is expected to begin in 2009 and may include K-12; and specific tracking measures, outcomes and targeted programming.

Darryl Martin, Clark County, requested a formal presentation of the Youth Violence/Safe Schools Working Group be made to the SNRPC Board at their January, 2009, meeting.

No motion or action was required on this agenda item.

**Agenda Item 6. Receive an update from the Southern Nevada Workforce Investment Board. Recommended action - Take any necessary action.**

John Ball, Southern Nevada Workforce Investment Board, gave an update on the Southern Nevada Workforce Investment Board including a report on youth services and labor market tie-ins should be ready by the October Committee on Youth meeting; and he updated on the Community Awareness video and gave a reminder that the National Association of Social Workers Conference is tomorrow (September 26, 2008).

Ken Lobene, Southern Nevada Workforce Investment Board, stated that green technology (i.e. solar and wind) development will lead to a need for a specifically equipped workforce, and current entry-level workers are severely limited because of education (drop-outs), no one moving into the state for entry-level work, past felonies, etc.

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

**Agenda Item 7. Public Comment.**

Brian Davie, Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB), discussed a “Safety Within the Schools and Colleges – August 2008” report that was produced by the LCB and available on their website (<http://www.leg.state.nv.us/lcb/research/InterimReports/2009InterimReports/Bulletin09-09.pdf>).

Senator Steven Horsford stated that an updated list of Bill Draft Requests (BDR’s) are available on the website as well. He stated that this was only a list and did not include descriptions.

Stephanie Tyler commented on similar pilot programs to those being developed at Brimley School (i.e. Interagency Case Management Program).

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.