

MEETING MINUTES

COMMITTEE ON YOUTH

SOUTHERN NEVADA REGIONAL PLANNING COALITION

April 23, 2008

In attendance:

Steven Horsford, VICE CHAIR, Non-profit (Nevada Partners)
Craig Galati, Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce
Marc Joseph, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department
Cherie Townsend, Alternate, Clark County
Gene Hall, Nevada Public Education Foundation (UNLV)
Billie Bastian, Alternate, City of Las Vegas
Barbara Mathews, Alternate, Clark County School District

Absent:

Darryl Martin, CHAIR, Clark County
Orlando Sanchez, City of Las Vegas
Karlene McCormick-Lee, Clark County School District
Christine Clark, Higher Education (UNLV)
Sam Chambers, City of North Las Vegas
Mary Ellen Donner, City of Henderson
Dan Goulet, Non-profit (United Way of Southern Nevada)
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 Steven Horsford, Vice Chair, Non-profit (Nevada Partners), at 3:17 p.m., on Wednesday, April 23, 2008, in the Cambridge Recreation Center, 3930 Cambridge Street, Las Vegas, Nevada.

The agenda for the April 23, 2008, meeting was duly posted in compliance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law requirements.

Agenda Item 2. Approval of the Agenda for April 23, 2008.

A motion was made and seconded to move agenda item #6 (Discuss recent or potential budget changes and its potential impacts on summer programs for youth and young adults) before agenda item #5 (Receive an orientation presentation and discuss future priorities and action steps for the Committee on Youth) and approve the agenda for the April 23, 2008, meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 3. Approval of the Minutes from the March 26, 2008, meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes for the March 26, 2008, meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

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

Catherine Huang Hara, Senior Management Analyst, stated that the regional youth budget was being held because of jurisdictional budget cuts.

Hilarie Robison, Nevada Public Education Foundation, stated that the One-Stop working group expected to have their first meeting in early May, but they were asking for member nominees.

Steven Horsford, Nevada Partners, commented on the individual city budget cuts and their impacts.

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

Agenda Item 6. Discuss recent or potential budget changes and its potential impacts on summer programs for youth and young adults. Recommended action - Take any necessary action.

Asha Jones and Tiffany Tyler, Nevada Partners, discussed how the impending state budget cuts would potentially impact summer programs for youth and young adults.

There was discussion by the Committee on: the number of children and families potentially impacted; subsequent years' impacts as well; comparing the number of available summer jobs now versus 2000; other available summer activities and alternatives for parents; resources available if budget cuts occur after July 1; reduction in summer education/work experience and hours of operation; decrease in philanthropic giving; many summer services are seen as supplemental (not essential) and the importance of shifting this belief; and grants and other funding sources are also limited.

There was further discussion by the Committee on: data capturing; compiling a list of what activities are currently available for parents; distribution to 211, public access, Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce and others; and as existing programs fill need to give parents additional alternatives.

A motion was made and seconded to direct the Committee on Youth Technical Working Group to develop data and indicators that need to be collected over the summer and compiled as tracking benchmarks. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 5. Receive an orientation presentation and discuss future priorities and action steps for the Committee on Youth. Recommended action - Take any necessary action.

Hilarie Robison, Nevada Public Education Foundation, gave an orientation presentation on the Committee on Youth and the Ready for Life Initiative via a PowerPoint presentation titled "SNRPC Committee on Youth."

There was discussion by the Committee on: the Technical Working Group and three sub-working groups; membership/stakeholders in the working groups; and goals and direction as focused on the PowerPoint slide "Ready for Life Framework".

Steven Horsford, Nevada Partners, recommended converting the framework slide into a survey to be given to Committee and Technical Working Group members to assist in evaluating priorities. Additional direction and specific goals recommended by Mr. Horsford included: Technical Working Group (How are existing systems coordinating to serve kids and is there any overlapping of services?); One-Stop Working Group (Developing a model at Desert Rose High School and making sure it can be easily replicated); Out-of-School-Time Working Group (What models currently exist?, What are some best practices used in other communities? and making sure the model developed is evidence based and also easily replicated); and Youth Housing Working

Group (Research emerging issues).

No motion or action was required on this agenda item.

Agenda Item 7. Receive presentations on community youth violence prevention dialogues. Recommended action - Take any necessary action.

Joyce Haldeman, Clark County School District, presented and discussed feedback from the Youth Violence Prevention Dialogue Sessions that were hosted by Clark County School District and the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department at Western High School on March 29, 2008.

Steven Horsford, Nevada Partners, presented and discussed feedback from the Forum on School Violence in Nevada that was hosted by Senator Steven Horsford, Clark County Senate District 4, and Commissioner Lawrence Weekly, Clark County, held on April 7, 2008.

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

Agenda Item 8. Receive a presentation on Safe Village from Clark County Department of Juvenile Justice Services. Recommended action - Take any necessary action.

Cherie Townsend, Clark County, summarized a PowerPoint presentation titled “Southern Nevada Community Gang Task Force – CEASEFIRE Model Implementation ‘Operation Lasting Peace’.”

David Osman, UMC Hospital, invited Committee members and audience to attend local gang prevention meetings. He stated that additional information could be found at www.gangpreventionsubcommittee.com.

There was no discussion by the Committee; and a motion was made and seconded to direct the Committee on Youth Technical Working Group to work with Joyce Haldeman on specific strategies to be reported back at the next Committee on Youth meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 9. Public Comment.

Jennifer Olsen, SNRPC Secretary, discussed Committee membership and implications of no quorum at Committee on Youth meetings.

Lawrence Inkatha, I-Am Youth, gave a brief summary of the I-Am Youth program, and he provided a program postcard.

Teri Ruthe, United Studios of Self Defense, gave a brief summary of her program, and she provided a letter of intent asking to present at a future Committee of Youth meeting.

Kelly Henwood, Southern Nevada Work Investment Board, thanked Committee members for participation at April’s event.

Gene Hall, Nevada Public Education Foundation, presented the Nevada Public Education Foundation’s annual report.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:13 p.m.