

MEETING MINUTES

COMMITTEE ON YOUTH

SOUTHERN NEVADA REGIONAL PLANNING COALITION

September 24, 2009

In attendance:

Ken Lobene, Alternate Chair, Workforce Connections (formerly the Southern Nevada Workforce Investment Board)
Kelly Woods, Alternate, City of Las Vegas
Brenda Larsen-Mitchell, Alternate, Clark County School District
Patrick Neville, Alternate, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department
Gene Hall, Alternate, Higher Education (UNLV)
Chanda Cook, Nevada Public Education Foundation
Tiffany Tyler, Alternate, Non-profit (Nevada Partners)

Absent:

Orlando Sanchez, City of Las Vegas
Patrice Johnson, Clark County School District
Marc Joseph, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department
Christine Clark, Higher Education (UNLV)
Steven Horsford, VICE CHAIR, Non-profit (Nevada Partners)
Fritz Reese, CHAIR, Clark County
Mary Ellen Donner, City of Henderson
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 Ken Lobene, Alternate Chair, Workforce Connections (formerly the Southern Nevada Workforce Investment Board), at 2:08 p.m., on Thursday, September 24, 2009, in the Grant Sawyer State Office Building, 555 E. Washington Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada.

The agenda for the September 24, 2009, meeting was duly posted in compliance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law requirements.

Agenda Item 2. Approval of the Agenda for September 24, 2009.

A motion was made and seconded to pull agenda item #7 (Presentation on Clark County Outside Agency Grants), move agenda item #8 (Update on the Funders Forum) to after agenda item #4 (Update from the Committee on Youth Technical Working Group) and to approve the amended agenda for the September 24, 2009, meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 3. Approval of the Minutes from the August 27, 2009, meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes for the August 27, 2009, 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.

Cyndy Ortiz-Gustafson, Committee on Youth Coordinator, gave an update including: the Business Case and Funding Implementation Schedule is still being developed and is expected to be completed in three to six months. She also requested authorization to create a new Pregnant and Parenting Teens Working Group.

There was discussion by the Committee about other examples of successful business cases; unified integration of systems and providers; issues facing older youth (i.e. transportation, child care and decisions between working or taking advantage of programs); unifying funding as well as providers; evaluating the Committee's role and gaps still faced; developing a focused approach including the existing statewide action plan; community discussions and community vetting; and integrating 21st Century development into education curriculum.

There was also discussion by the Committee about the purpose and focus of the newly proposed working group; expected membership; and ensuring that non-school issues were also discussed (i.e. child care).

Ken Lobene, Workforce Connections, recommended the Committee on Youth reach out to the newly formed Regional Housing Authority for partnerships.

A motion was made and seconded to approve authorizing the creation of a new Parenting and Pregnant Teens Working Group. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 8. Receive an update on the Funders Forum. Recommended action - Take any necessary action.

Cyndy Ortiz-Gustafson, Committee on Youth Coordinator, gave an update on the Southern Nevada Regional Funders Forum that was held on September 16, 2009.

There was discussion by the Committee about aligning funding sources; gaining knowledge about how outside groups donate to and fund nonprofit agencies; developing specific and tangible benefits to show value for donations; increase efficiencies; increasing competition for reduced dollars; vision versus mission and how that relationship relates to funding; and establishing a vision because there will be no progress if there is nowhere specific to go.

No motion or action was required on this agenda item.

Agenda Item 5. Receive an update from Workforce Connections Youth Council (formerly the SNWIB). Recommended action - Take any necessary action.

Ken Lobene, Workforce Connections Youth Council, gave an update including: discussions with providers to look at forming a consensus of successful outcomes and evaluate ongoing issues for the future; and linking existing resources and look at others still needed.

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

Agenda Item 6. Receive a presentation from Nevada Partners on their Summer Youth Program. Recommended action - Take any necessary action.

Brooke Reid, Nevada Partners, gave a presentation on their Summer Youth Program via a PowerPoint presentation titled "Nevada Partners Service and Leadership – Youth Jamboree".

There was discussion by the Committee about origins of the program; diversifying target groups; involving youth in both design and operation of the program; location of services; and design for youth by youth.

There was also discussion on challenges facing Cheyenne High School (i.e. large class sizes; many teachers give out puzzles instead of teaching; and motivation of students in classrooms [many will talk or text instead of interact]). A possible solution offered was utilizing teacher assistants in each class to help both with class sizes and involvement as many times students find it's easier to learn from other students and/or peers because they can understand more about how students think.

No motion or action was required on this agenda item.

Agenda Item 7. Receive a presentation on Clark County Outside Agency Grants. Recommended action - Take any necessary action. (Item pulled until a future meeting.)

This item was pulled until a future Committee on Youth meeting.

Agenda Item 9. Public Comment.

Sylvia Elsey, Southern Nevada Children First, discussed their summer program and funding received for pregnant and parenting youth, many who were homeless or in transitional housing. She announced a fashion show fundraiser to be held on Saturday, September 26 from 5-9 p.m. at the William Pearson Center (1625 N. Carey Lane, North Las Vegas, Nevada).

The meeting was adjourned at 3:02 p.m.