

# MEETING MINUTES

## COMMITTEE ON YOUTH

### SOUTHERN NEVADA REGIONAL PLANNING COALITION

December 3, 2009

**In attendance:**

Fritz Reese, CHAIR, Clark County  
Melissa Clary, Alternate, City of Las Vegas  
Kathy O'Connor, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department  
Ken Lobene, Workforce Connections (formerly the Southern Nevada Workforce Investment Board)  
Chanda Cook, Alternate, Nevada Public Education Foundation  
Brenda Larsen-Mitchell, Alternate, Clark County School District  
Brooke Reid, Alternate, Non-profit (Nevada Partners)

**Absent:**

Orlando Sanchez, City of Las Vegas  
Gene Hall, Nevada Public Education Foundation  
Patrice Johnson, Clark County School District  
Steven Horsford, VICE CHAIR, Non-profit (Nevada Partners)  
Mary Ellen Donner, City of Henderson  
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

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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 Fritz Reese, Chair, Clark County, at 2:19 p.m., on Thursday, December 3, 2009, in the Pueblo Room at the Clark County Government Center, 500 S. Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, Nevada.

The agenda for the December 3, 2009, meeting was duly posted in compliance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law requirements.

**Agenda Item 2. Approval of the Agenda for December 3, 2009.**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda for the December 3, 2009, meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Agenda Item 3. Approval of the Minutes from the October 22, 2009, meeting.**

A motion was made and seconded to correct the spelling of Ms. Earle's name in Public Comments (agenda item #7) to "Kari Earle" and to approve the edited minutes for the October 22, 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.**

Shannon West, Regional Youth Services Coordinator, and Cyndy Ortiz-Gustafson, Committee on Youth Coordinator, gave an update including: an overall funding update; draft copies of the Business Case and Funding Implementation Schedule are being circulated for review; the next Funder's Forum is scheduled for January 27, 2010; the three work groups that have been formed since the last Forum have been meeting regularly to set goals, etc.; the goals for the Committee on Youth and Ready For Life include education, leadership and continuing connections; and two new focus areas for 2010 are truancy and teen pregnancy.

Ken Lobene, Workforce Connections, gave an update on the previous Funder's Forum and some expectations for the upcoming one.

There was discussion by the Committee about increasing the high school graduation rate; identifying and dedicating resources to assist with the new focus areas; and continuing to look at gaps in existing programs and ways to close them.

A recommendation was made to add an agenda item on the January Committee on Youth agenda to further discuss the overall goals and two new focus areas.

No motion or action was required on this agenda item.

**Agenda Item 5. Receive a presentation from the Clark County School District. Recommended action - Take any necessary action.**

Brenda Larsen-Mitchell, Kim Boyles, Gwen Levron and Kim Lewis, Clark County School District, gave an overview of the summer school program within the Clark County School District via a PowerPoint presentation titled "Summer School & Summer Stimulus Program 2009".

There was discussion by the Committee about online schools and programs were primarily for advancement and "regular" summer schools were primarily for repeating failed classes; fewer schools with more students; withdraws versus failing when absences are accrued; retaking failed classes and substituting the higher grade; whether enrollment was capacity driven as first come first served or priority was given to credit deficient students; criteria for school site selection for summer school programs; transportation shortcomings; work study student enrollment and success; ongoing dialog with the school district is needed regarding location of where students live and/or work versus where they are enrolled; and the correlation between students attending schools with repeating teachers and existing relationships and their overall academic success.

There was further discussion by the Committee about lessons learned and challenges still facing the school district (i.e. misunderstandings by students and parents about academic options and involvement required to succeed; internet usage and/or comfort with computers was less than expected; flexibility in start times still needs to be addressed; transportation continues to be a large barrier to success; tying work experience to academics continues to be a challenge; and commitment by students varied but was directly tied to those who succeeded in programs).

No motion or action was required on this agenda item.

**Agenda Item 6. Receive a presentation from the Workforce Connections Youth Council about their strategic plan. Recommended action - Take any necessary action.**

Ken Lobene, Workforce Connections, gave an update about the Workforce Connections Youth Council's

strategic plan, and he distributed copies of their adopted “Youth Council Impact Statement – Overall Goal: Increase the Graduation Rate”, their “Youth Council Action Plan” and their “Youth Council Impact Logic Model”.

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

**Agenda Item 7. Receive a proposed calendar/meeting schedule for 2010 Committee on Youth meetings. Recommended action - Take any necessary action.**

Jennifer Olsen, SNRPC Secretary, announced that she needed notification of any PowerPoint presentation(s) for future Committee on Youth meetings no later than the week before the scheduled meeting in order to avoid being charged by facilities’ staff at the Grant Sawyer Building.

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

**Agenda Item 8. Public Comment.**

Sam King, private citizen, stated that many community members do not recognize the “lingo” used during meetings; and he commented that increasing the graduation rate was admirable and that “...communication is key.”

Fritz Reese, Clark County, recommended that Committee membership changes be added to the January Committee on Youth agenda.

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