



**GOVERNOR'S WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD**

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**Minutes of the April 12, 2011**

**Youth Council**

This meeting will be conducted at the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation, 2800 East St. Louis Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89104 AND Conference Call available. Members of the public may observe this meeting and provide comment at the address listed above OR dial into the number listed below.

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I. Roll call and Establishment of a Quorum .....Eric James Chair

Members present: Eric James, Ken Dugan, Ken LoBene, Jill Marano, Odalys Carmona and Edith Fernandez

Members absent: Mike Raponi

Public: Chanda Cook, Asha Jones and Leah Sherbondy Nevada Public Education Foundation-Ready For Life, Tameca Ulmer, Sylvia Spencer, Clementine January, Kimberly Colagia, Nancy White, John Ball, Ricardo Villalobos workforceCONNECTIONS, , Kaveida Adams Summer Business Institute, Erin Cook Community Service Agency, Jody Manzella Jr. Achievement, Eric Nidiffer, William Nidiffer, and Maite Salazar

It was established that there was a quorum.

II. Verification of Posting..... Eric James

Mrs. Carmona verified that the meeting Agenda was posted in accordance with the Open Meeting Law at locations throughout the State.

III. Welcome and Introductions ..... Eric James

We would like to welcome everyone and The Niddifer Group who will be presenting "Destructive Issues" application today.

IV. \*Discussion/Possible Action- Approval of the April 12, 2011 Agenda..... Eric James

Is there a motion to approve the April 12, 2011 agenda? Eric James motioned. Ken Dugan second. The agenda for April 12, 2011 is approved.

V. \*Discussion/Possible Action- Approval of March 11, 2011 meeting minutes..... Eric James

Is there a motion to approve the March 11, 2011 meeting minutes? Eric James motion. Ken Dugan second. The meeting minutes for March 11, 2011 are approved.

VI. \*Discussion/Possible Action – Summer Business Institute Proposal ..... Eric James

Eric James advised the Council that this is the same proposal that the Council and the Budget committee have previously been approved. Eric James asked for a motion to approve the Summer Business Institute Proposal for \$249,998.69 to serve 140 youth with summer employment and workforce readiness/leadership training. The program will run from June 27, 2011 and ends August 18, 2011. Ken Dugan motion. Jill Marano second. The proposal for Summer Business Institute is approved.

Kaveida of Summer Business Institute thanked everyone and SBI appreciates the Council approval and support of the program.

VII. Presentation: Turning Point Experience-Application “Destructive Issues” ..... Eric James  
.....The Nidiffer Group

Eric and William Nidiffer are the founders of the Turning Point Experience Phone Application “Destructive Issues”. The Application is available free of charge to all smart phones. This application connects youth and parents to those who can help through local agencies, mentors, etc. For more information contact: [eric@turningpointex.com](mailto:eric@turningpointex.com) or [William@turningpointex.com](mailto:William@turningpointex.com)

VIII. Review Governor’s Reserve Year-Round Monthly Reports ..... Eric James

- Ready For Life
  - RFL Southern Nevada staff in conjunction with wCx staff participated in the Tri Annual NyE Communities Coalition meeting in Beatty Nevada. This meeting allowed for the message of RFL to be spread to other organizations working in Nye County and neighboring Esmeralda County. As part of our contracted deliverables we are to: Internal and external communication and coordination, including convening and connecting cross-region and statewide. Participation in Tri Annual NyE Communities Coalition meeting serves to meet that deliverable.
  - As a partner in the Go To College Initiative (CSN) we have recruited subject matter experts (SME) to work with CSN Department Faculty and staff in school presentations. The purpose of these presentations is to show students the connection between education and careers. SME’s and their CSN staff counterparts engage the students in conversation explaining the connection and encouraging them to consider post secondary education.
  - Washoe County RFL is working with WCSD to facilitate a March community event which will focus on bringing together various service providers and non-profits with a goal of increasing partnerships in relation to the WCSD strategic plan. The Washoe RFL Employment workgroup is working to help service providers get their foot in the door with businesses and industries that they have had difficulty placing youth in job shadowing and internship positions. Washoe County RFL staff participated in ACT Conference held at UNR and represented NPEF/Ready for Life at a resource table as well as participated in break out presentations and discussions.
- YouthBuild
  - To date 14 participants have obtained their High School diploma or GED, 14 participants have moved on to employment/education. The enrollment goal of 68 has been reached and the 2<sup>nd</sup> cohort is underway. 63 participants have received OSHA 10 certification.
  - At present our placement in education or employment is 63%, attainment of degree or certificate is 88% and literacy and numeracy gains are 56%.
- Junior Achievement
  - Junior Achievement staff is finalizing schools to participate in the Job Shadow program. We have met with school teachers from Cheyenne HS and Valley HS and are just awaiting approval from their administration final events.
  - Awaiting confirmation from Virtual/Distance Learning HS to determine which job shadow date they would like to join.
  - Completed Job Shadow on April 12<sup>th</sup> at AT&T with Mojave HS
  - Completed Job Shadow on April 14<sup>th</sup> at Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Dept with Desert Pines HS.
  - Completed Job Shadow on May 4<sup>th</sup> at Hard Rock Café Las Vegas Strip with Canyon Springs HS.
  - Finalizing details with United Healthcare for Job Shadow with Rancho HS on May 17<sup>th</sup>.
  - Finalizing details with Caesars Entertainment for Job Shadow with Canyon Springs HS on May 18<sup>th</sup>.
  - Finalizing details with AT&T for Job Shadow with Mojave HS on May 18<sup>th</sup>.
  - With the education budget cuts looming and staffing reductions, it has been challenging to confirm participation with schools. Teachers across the entire school district are unsure of the future of their positions for the upcoming school year and are reluctant to commit to any additional programs. Administrators are also overwhelmed with trying to address staffing and budget cuts and are not as accessible to teachers for program approval.
  - The students were very impressed with the Job Shadow that we did at AT&T on April 12<sup>th</sup>. In fact, one student who will be graduating this June enjoyed the program and his visit to AT&T so much that he is planning on submitting an application for employment when he graduates next month.
- Community Services Agency
  - Core curriculum topics covered in the month of March were as follows:
  - Computers and Technology in Healthcare
  - Personal and Professional Qualities in Healthcare Workers
  - Legal and Ethical Responsibilities
  - In addition to traditional classroom instruction, the month of March was filled with guest speakers/field trips/training:
  - March 2nd/3rd: Visit to the South Reno Veterinary Clinic

- March 4th: Video teleconference with Dr. Wendy Fung (Pharmacist/IT Pharmacist), UC San Diego
- March 9th/10th: Virtual tour of Kansas University Medical Center’s Second Life healthcare teaching program
- March 11th: Guest speaker, Lynn O’Mara, State HIT Coordinator
- The week of March 14th-17th: Students received CPR certification
- March 25th: Guest speakers, Ryan Golec (Athletic Trainer) and Dr. Luis Palacio (Director of Sports Medicine, Northern Nevada Medical Center) and his Office Manager, Miranda Branson
- March 30th/31st: Visit to REMSA

IX. Reporting/Update..... Eric James

- Nevadaworks – Not Present
- *workforce*CONNECTIONS
  - Released RFP to procure DoL WIA funds for education, training and employment activities youth ages 14-21 years old.
  - Contracts are through September 30 of the following year. This change was necessary to incorporate summer youth employment opportunities in the programming and increase the likelihood of successful performance outcomes
  - 15 proposals were received by deadline April 18, 2011
  - Five proposals were approved at the wCx Youth Council meeting June 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Nevada Department of Education – Not Present
- Nevada System of Higher Education
  - GoToCollege.org RPF has been released for funding to increase college attendance. Awards will be announced June 10<sup>th</sup> and will be effective August 13, 2011 to August 13, 2012.

X. Public Comments..... Eric James  
*Comments may be limited to three minutes per person at the Chair’s discretion.*

XI. \*Adjournment and Next Meeting..... Eric James  
*The next meeting is to be announced.*

Is there a motion to adjourn the meeting? Eric James motion. Ken LoBene second. The meeting is adjourned at 11am. The May meeting is cancelled. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 14, 2011 at 10am via teleconference.

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**Note: (\*) Indicates that action may be taken on these items. All items on this agenda are for discussion and possible action. Items may be taken out of order.**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**Eric James (Chair); Ken Dugan, Kenneth J. LoBene, Dennis Perea,  
 Mike Raponi, Jill Marano and Edith Hernandez**

**Ex-Officio Members:**

**Nevada Public Education Foundation-Ready for Life: Chanda Cook, Southern Nevada  
 Leah Sherbondy, Northern Nevada**