



**GOVERNOR'S WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD**

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**Minutes of the June 14, 2011**

**Youth Council**

**REVISED**

**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.**

**1-877-810-9415 Access Code: 4697842#**

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

Members present: Eric James, Ken LoBene, Jill Marano, and Odalys Carmona  
Members absent: Dennis Perea, Mike Raponi, Ken Dugan and Edith Fernandez

Public: Eric Steiner Casey Family Foundations, Chanda Cook, Asha Jones and Leah Sherbondy Nevada Public Education Foundation-Ready For Life, Kimberly Colaglia, Kelly Woods workforceCONNECTIONS, Michelle Montoya Community Service Agency, Venus Fajota DETR and Wilisha Daniels UNLV Community2Campus and Eric Nidiffer Turning Point Educational Experience

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

IV. **\*Discussion/Possible Action-** Approval of the June 14, 2011 Agenda..... Eric James  
Eric James asked for a motion to approve the June 14, 2011 agenda? Keno LoBene motion. Jill Marano second. The agenda for June 14, 2011 are approved.

V. **\*Discussion/Possible Action-** Approval of the Meeting Minutes April 12, 2011 ..... Eric James  
The approval of the meeting minutes for April 12, 2011 will be tabled for the next meeting scheduled July 12, 2011.

VI. **\*Discussion/Possible Action** – Approval of NevadaYouth.org website Marketing Strategy ..... Eric James  
Eric James advised the Council that the NevadaYouth.org website Marketing Strategy will be approved at the Governor’s Workforce Investment Board Meeting June 23, 2011. Once approved the Council will discuss the marketing strategies at the July 12, 2011 Youth Council meeting.

VII. **\*Discussion/Possible Action** – Meeting Calendar July – December 2011 ..... Eric James  
This is not an Action Item. For Discussion only, the Council agreed to continue the Youth meetings on the second Tuesday of the month at 10:00 am.

Eric James would like to have a work team to review, update, or revise the Statewide Strategic Plan. The Council agreed that this is a living document and should be reviewed often. The work team will be: Eric James, Chanda Cook, Jill Marano and Odalys Carmona. The work group will review the Strategic Plan and recommendations will to the Council on July 12, 2011 for discussion and or possible action.

VIII. Review Governor's Reserve Year-Round Monthly Reports-June 2011..... Eric James

- Ready For Life
  - Ready for Life Southern Nevada (RFLSN) is currently working on a community action plan development planning session. This planning session will bring together decision makers from business, government and non profits to build a plan that encompasses everyone's role. This planning session will take place June 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. RFLSN is gearing up for summer school by working with current providers to take advantage of the previously negotiated reduced fee for work experience credit. We are also supporting efforts at workforceConnections to connect sector based programs with the appropriate partners in the Clark County School District.
  - Nye County RFL is currently awaiting final signatures on the contract with UNR; they have continued conversations regarding details of the project. NyECC is assisting with data collection and compilation. Through partnership with the Nevada Public Education Foundation Nye County Ready for Life will be hosting a youth oriented community event focused on employment, education and community service. Lyon/Storey County RFL is in the process of finalizing their plan to improve nutrition throughout their school district. The coalition is drafting plans for a tobacco hotline expansion to allow access through the schools. Working with Lyon County School District to keep low income youth connected to summer youth program.
  - Washoe RFL continues to work with local business leaders in developing a communications plan to support education. In addition, the Washoe RFL Employment Workgroup held the first planning meeting for a Ready for Life Job Shadow Day. This job shadow day will be held in conjunction with National Job Shadow Day on February 12, 2012. The group will begin to approach businesses in the upcoming month.
- YouthBuild
  - Clients currently participate in classroom and worksite Construction Training, Work Readiness Training, Leadership Development/Life Skills Trainign and High school Diploma completion or GED Preparation.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Cohort performance measures: Placement in education or employment – 69%; Attainment of a degree or certificate – 88%; Literacy and/or numeracy gains – 81%; Retention Rate – N/A; Recidivism rate – 0%.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Cohort is currently underway and measures will apply upon their exiting.
- Junior Achievement
  - Junior Achievement staff has completed eleven job shadow events and has one final job shadow date scheduled.
  - Completed Job Shadow on May 17<sup>th</sup> at United Healthcare with Rancho High School
  - Completed Job Shadow on May 18<sup>th</sup> at AT&T with Mojave High School
  - Completed Job Shadow on May 18<sup>th</sup> at Caesars Entertainment with Canyon Springs School
  - Completed Job Shadow on May 20<sup>th</sup> at Everest College with Desert Pines High School
  - Completed Job Shadow on May 25<sup>th</sup> at UNLV's Physics Department with Valley High School
  - Completed Job Shadow on June 1<sup>st</sup> at Sam's Club with Desert Pines High School
  - Coordinated media interviews with the Las Vegas Sun for the UNLV job shadow.
  - Coordinated media interviews with Ch 3 for the Sam's Club job shadow.
  - Finalizing details with NV Energy for Job Shadow with Eldorado HS on June 10<sup>th</sup>.
  - The CCSD budget crisis has been challenging the success of the Job Shadow program. Many of the schools that are designated for this grant are facing huge layoffs both with the teachers and the administration. Receiving approval has been slow due to the uncertainty of the environment at the schools. However, we have utilized the relationships that we have built to secure the final events for the students.
- Community Service Agency
  - Core curriculum topics covered in the month of May were as follows:
  - Job Readiness Skills: Interviewing Skills, Mock Interviews, Job Search, Workplace Conduct
  - In addition to traditional classroom instruction, the month of April entailed some supplemental activities:
  - May 2nd-6th: Students received a week's worth of valuable tips on how to interview successfully
  - May 6th: We took a four students shopping for interview-appropriate clothing
  - May 9th-13th: Students participated in Mock Interviews, all 35 students completing one-on-one interviews with various employment specialists, with all 35 having already submitted resumes for discussion during interviews
  - May 16th -17th/25th-26th: Eye-opening, two-part field trips to Renown Regional Medical Center. Visited with specialists from Imaging, Lab, Morgue, Surgery, and Nursing education.
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- IX. Reporting/Update..... Eric James
- Nevadaworks – Not In Attendance
  - *workforce*CONNECTIONS – Not In Attendance
  - Nevada Department of Education – Not In Attendance
  - Nevada System of Higher Education – Not In Attendance

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

Wilisha Daniels UNLV Summer Youth Camp Coordinator announced the dates the camp will be open. For more information email [wilisha.daniels@unlv.edu](mailto:wilisha.daniels@unlv.edu)

Eric Steiner, Casey Family Foundation thanked the Council for the monthly updates on Nevada.

- o Casey Family Programs is working with Nevada’s child welfare agency and is pleased to be a part of this council. I am involved in two activities that may be of interest to this council: 1) staffing our new Intergovernmental Personnel Act placements in three Federal agencies, and 2) staffing our Child Welfare and Housing Workgroup, which is co-chaired by Dr. Constance Rice of Casey Family Programs and Deloris Sawyer, a leader at the Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority here in Clark County.
- o Casey Family Programs has three employees embedded in Federal agencies. My supervisor, Sue Badeau, is stationed at the US Department of Justice, Todd Shenk is at the US Department of Housing and Urban Development and Annie Blackledge is at the US Department of Education. If you have any specific success stories that show how your services help Nevadans in foster care, would you please share them with me? I know that each of our IPA staff would be interested in programs that work across traditional agency lines. We want to highlight those practices and successes that help identify strategies to help youth in foster care have successful experiences in housing, employment, and the transition to adulthood.
- o In 2009, our executive, Dr. William Bell, met with Deputy Secretary of HUD, Ron Sims, and a small group of people to discuss ways to improve housing access and retention by foster youth. That initial meeting resulted in a small workgroup that features leaders from housing, employment and child welfare agencies across America, and we are developing recommendations to improve programs like the Family Unification Voucher program. This program is an important one for families involved in the child welfare system, and we hope that we can identify alternatives to the current regulations that limit the youth’s access to this voucher for 18 months. We want to help make a good program better, and with examples from the field, we can do this.

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

Eric James asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting? Ken LoBene motion. Odalys Carmona second. The meeting is adjourned at 10:45 am.

The next meeting will be July 12, 2011 at 10:00 am.

**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**