

Yavapai County Workforce Development Board (WDB)

Youth Council

August 2, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Member Attendees:

Mel Ingwaldson, Chairman	Present	0 absences
Corey Marshall, Vice Chairman	Present	1 absence
Linda Brannock	Present	0 absences
Brenda Bratton	Present	0 absences

Guests: Jenny Lyons, Linda Conn, Lori Sundberg, Kristin Bandy, Danielle Fischer

Staff: Leah Cickavage, Operations Manager, NACOG

I. Call to Order, Welcome, and Introductions

Chairman Ingwaldson called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. All members were welcomed to the Youth Council meeting. Welcome and introductions were made of guests attending from the Yavapai County Republican Precinct and from Solari Crisis and Human Services.

II. Approval of April 5, 2023, Meeting Minutes

Chairman Mel Ingwaldson called for a review of the April 5, 2023, meeting minutes and a **motion to approve the minutes as drafted; so, moved by Vice-Chairman Marshall, seconded by Ms. Brannock. The motion carried unanimously.**

III. Chairman's Report

Chairman Ingwaldson did not have any updates and turned to Ms. Cickavage to introduce our presenters today. Ms. Cickavage stated she had the opportunity to meet with Solari a couple of months ago and thought it would be a great opportunity for the Youth Council to learn about services provided not just in Yavapai County but the State of Arizona.

IV. Solari Crisis and Human Services

Danielle Fisher discusses her role in Solari Crisis and Human Services as part of the 211 Arizona community engagement team. Kristen Bandy shares information about Solari's services, including a crisis hotline, peer support warm line, 211 information referral service, SMI determinations, dispatch and reporting services for crises, a homeless management information system, and police/fire/tragedy support lines.

Be Connected is a program for military/veteran populations' mental health support resources/connection assistance for providers/helpers/caregivers/transportation/housing crises. Solari also maintains the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) to track programs and prioritize individuals for shelter and housing.

Solari also manages the 211 helpline for the entire state of Arizona which connects people to various resources related to specific needs. The funding for these resources comes from a combination of state, government, and nonprofit sources. There is a consistent need for housing and shelter in Arizona, with Solari serving as a valuable resource in helping individuals navigate various services. Outreach efforts include presentations to agencies, participation in work groups, and collaboration with Manzanita Outreach. Additionally, there is an update on Solari's youth services program, including information about outreach initiatives targeting schools and colleges'. Since services are available 24 hours a day, Solari employs 105 intake specialists who work round the clock.

Chairman Ingwaldson commended Solari for their services to Arizona.

V. Operations Manager Report

Ms. Cickavage presented that currently 76 In-School Youth, and 107 Out-of-School Youth are enrolled. Outreach has included Northpoint Academy, Prescott Unified School District TSW program, Yavapai College Career Advisors Meeting, Juvenile Justice Center, Quad City News, Radio, Social Media, Manzanita Outreach, PASS Shelter, Hozhoni Foundation, Drake Cement, Yavapai College Career Technical Education, youth group homes, Solari, Camp Verde School District, Cottonwood and Camp Verde Libraries, ARIZONA@WORK Second Chance Hiring Event, Arizona Youth Partnership, Family Involvement Center, Matforce, and Equus Education and Training.

Upcoming outreach includes the Prescott Job Fair in September 2023, the Verde Valley Job Fair in October 2023, the Juvenile Justice Center quarterly presentation, continue with school district/alternative school outreach, Yavapai College Adult Education Orientations, and continued news/radio/social media.

Current Youth activities include C.N.A, Caregivers, Administrative, Cosmetologists/Aestheticians, CDL, Performing Arts, Student Aid, Student Instructor, Electricians, Information Technology, Custodial/Maintenance, Roofing, Business Owner, Education Services, Retail/Customer Service, HSE Training, Manufacturing Technicians, Construction, and High School graduates/HSE graduates.

Ms. Cickavage asked the Council if there are opportunities for outreach or membership. Polara Health was suggested for outreach and Solari for membership.

Ms. Cickavage concluded her report.

VI. Member Comments

Ms. Bratton would like the opportunity to present the employability skills seminars available for the discovery of transferrable skills, preparing for the workforce, and more. Chairman Ingwaldson noted

that the Plumbers Pipefitters presented in other counties for trade centers for youth to learn more about trades and would like to have an invitation in the future for trade apprenticeship review.

VII. Public Comments

Chairman Ingwaldson called for public comments. Public members stated they enjoyed learning more about all the services being provided for the youth in Yavapai County. One public member would like to join Youth Council, Ms. Cickavage will send the application.

VIII. Adjournment

Chairman Ingwaldson adjourned the informational meeting at 11:10 AM.