

MINUTES
WORKFORCE CONNECTIONS
OCTOBER 20, 2009 – 10:00 A.M.
CASHMAN CENTER
850 N. LAS VEGAS BLVD.
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA 89108

Members Present

Robert Brewer	Hannah Brown	Travis Buchanan
Penny Perez	Maggie Arias-Petrel	Travis Chandler
Charles Darling, Sr.	Mujahid Ramadan	Tommy Rowe
Ardell Galbreth	Sonja Holloway	Andrew Katz
David Lee	Kenneth LoBene	Laurie Luongo
Valerie Murzl	Maggie Mendez	Margarita Rebollal
Debra Reed	Dan Rose	Steven D. Ross
Gerri Schroder	Ronna Timpa	Dana Wiggins
Linda Young	Deana Zelenik	

Members Absent

Harriet Ealey	Andrew Borasky	Pat Maxwell
Lawrence Weekly	Charles Perry	William Robinson
Eloiza Martinez	Mark Edgel	

Staff Present

John Ball	Debra Collins	Jaime Cruz
Heather DeSart	Cornelius Eason	Kelly Ford
Kelly Henwood	David Jefferson	Suzanne Potter
Sylvia Spencer	Dianne Tracy	Tameca Ulmer
Ric Villalobos		

Others Present

Sharon Kelly, NPI	Helicia Thomas, GNJ	Janice Rael, NPI
Rita Prince, NACS	Jerry Johnson, Seniors United	Fran Phillips, CHR
Peggy Oliver, NACS	Cora Sutherland, CSCM	Victoria Simon, CHR
Janice Brom, NACS	Tamera Rose, CCSD	Pamela Lany, ESSN
Sandy Trillijo, ESSN	Al Kermodé, SMYC	Jesse Grant, SMYC
Mike Whelihan, SMYC	Mike Hopper, SinCityMadMenLLC	Al Daniels, CSN
John Collins		Denise GEE, HELP

(It should be noted that not all attendees may be listed above)

AGENDA ITEM 1 – Call to order, confirmation of posting and roll call

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Mujahid Ramadan at 10:25 a.m. Staff confirmed the meeting had been properly noted and posted in accordance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law. Roll call was taken a quorum was present.

AGENDA ITEM 2 – Approval of Agenda with the inclusion of any emergency items and deletion of any items

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Dana Wiggins and seconded by Robert Brewer. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM 3 – Welcome and introductions of new Board members.

Mr. Ramadan introduced and welcomed the new board members to the *workforce*CONNECTIONS Board of Directors:

Maggie Arias-Petrel, Global Professional Consulting
Penny Perez, Concerted Services/Malco Contracting

AGENDA ITEM 4 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

4.1 – Adult & Dislocated Worker Committee Report by Charles Darling, Sr., Chair

Charles Darling, Sr., read the recommendation for approval from the ADW Committee to award a contract extension to Native American Community Services in the amount of \$159,158 to provide employment and training services for the existing 27 participants, as well as 35 new enrollments from September 1, 2009 through June 30 2010.

Discussion ensued regarding the agency (NACS) itself, viability to support additional funding, staff changes, programmatic issues versus non-fiscal issues, cost per client, length of time in business.

A motion to approve the recommendation from the ADW Committee to award NACS a contract extension in the amount of \$159,158 was made by Dan Rose and seconded by Robert Brewer. Motion carried.

4.2 – Youth Council Report by Ken LoBene, Chair

Ken LoBene reported a recommendation from the Youth Council to approve a no cost extension for the Governor’s Reserve to fund Boulder City ARRA Summer Youth Employment Contract from October 1, 2009 through March 31, 2010.

A motion was to approve the recommendation by Robert Brewer and seconded by Dana Wiggins. Motion carried.

4.3 – Budget/Finance Committee Report by Margarita Rebolal, Chair

John Ball reported that included in the Board packet is a recommendation from the Budget/Finance Committee to accept and approve the PY07 A-133 Audit recommended by the Executive Committee. However, further review would be requested and no action will be taken on this item at this time at the request of the Committee Chair.

4.4 – Emerging Markets/Partnerships/Resources Development Committee Report by Pat Maxwell, Chair

Cornelius Eason reported on the updates occurring with Green Economy companies/job placements, current Green Economy and Emerging Markets activities including the most recent support efforts made with Esmeralda County School District, the Round Table held at the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce for Job Developers, and the National Sales Training on November 4, 5, and 6.

AGENDA ITEM 5 – Board Member Discussion Only

None

AGENDA ITEM 6 –Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda is enacted in one motion without discussion; however any item may be pulled from the consent calendar for discussion by any board member.

- A. Approve the *workforce* CONNECTIONS meeting minutes: September 22, 2009.
- B. Accept and receive from the Executive Committee meeting, the removal of Item H. ACCUMULATION from Personnel General Leave Policy 1.0 Section A.

Motion was made to approve and/or receive Consent Agenda items A and B by Robert Brewer and seconded by Dana Wiggins. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM 7 – Brand & Value Special Presentation

Laurie Luongo thanked and acknowledged the vision that John Ball had in mind for a successful agency, the Board of Directors, the Brand & Value Committee members and their goal to create a new brand for what used to be Southern Nevada Workforce Investment Board, and a special thank you to staff. Ms. Luongo stated, “We wanted the Brand and the logo to speak more about who it is we are and what we do and to get the PR and positive vibe about our mission, vision and brand out to the community.”

A team building exercise took place for new and seasoned Board members and success stories were presented by:

Steven Foster a former member of our summer youth program through Area Health Education Center, detailing his lifelong dream of being a firefighter. He discovered while doing research to attain his goal that paramedic training was required. Through his service provider, AHEC, he is currently in EMT training through CSN and doing his clinicals.

Jean Demy, a client of Nevada Partners, gave a presentation detailing the obstacles he has overcome during his training through Build Nevada and his gratitude for the opportunities provided him. He successfully completed training as a weatherization technician and is interviewing with various companies.

Dale Stoeber (CFO) and Tracy Skenandore (Director of Marketing) of Evergreen Recycling detailing how the partnership was formed with workforce CONNECTIONS and how they were able to employ over 20 people through one of our service providers, Catholic Charities. They further noted that 3 of these individuals were able to move out of the shelter and obtain permanent housing as a result of their employment with them.

AGENDA ITEM 8 – Public Comments (The Chair limit public comment to three (3) minutes per person).

None

AGENDA ITEM 8 – Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:01 p.m.