

MINUTES

*workforce*CONNECTIONS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
FEBRUARY 25, 2010

THE CULINARY TRAINING ACADEMY
710 W. LAKE MEAD BLVD.
NORTH LAS VEGAS, NV 89030

Members Present

Maggie Arias-Petrel	Andrew Borasky	Hannah Brown
Travis Chandler	Charles Darling, Sr.	Mark Edgel
Ardell Galbreth	David Lee	Ken LoBene
Laurie Luongo	Eloiza Martinez	Maggie Mendez
Penny Perez	Mujahid Ramadan	Margarita Rebolal
Debra Reed	William Robinson	Dan Rose
Tommy Rowe	Ronna Timpa	Lawrence Weekly
Linda Young	Deana Zelenik	Marilyn Fink

Members Absent

Nancy Boland	F. Travis Buchanan	Harriet Ealey
Sonja Holloway	Pat Maxwell	Valerie Murzl
Charles Perry	Steven D. Ross	Gerri Schroder
Dana Wiggins		

Staff Present

John Ball	David Jefferson	Tameca Ulmer
Suzanne Potter	Heather DeSart	Jaime Cruz
Debra Collins	Cornelius Eason	Jeannie Kuennen
Wendy Villanueva	MaryAnn Avendano	Stacey Rainwater
Adriana Burnett	Rosie Boulware	Byron Goynes
Jenaya Butler	Sylvia Spencer	Rick Villalobos
Tom Dang	Ted Watkins	Mike Hopper

Others Present

Rita Hill, Las Vegas-Clark County Urban League	Helicia Thomas, GNJ Family Life Center
Lisa Popovsky, Area Health Education Center	Capucine Holmes, GNJ Family Life Center
John Collins, LV Clark County Urban League	Denise Gee, HELP of Southern Nevada
Stanley Moore, Native American Community Services	
Peggy Oliver, Native American Community Services	

(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 9:39 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 was made to approve the agenda with the deletion of ARRA Summer Youth Summary Report 2009 (page 88 of agenda) by Eloiza Martinez and seconded by Margarita Rebolal. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM 3 – Approval of the *workforce*CONNECTIONS Board Meeting minutes of October 20, 2009

A motion was made to approve the Board Meeting minutes of October 20, 2009 by Ardell Galbreth and seconded by Dan Rose. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM 4 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

i. - Budget/Finance Committee ~ Margarita Rebolal, Chair

Martha Ford of Piercy, Bowler, Taylor & Kern summarized the auditor's report on financial statements.

A motion to approve the PY07 A-133 (Program Year: July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008) Audit as recommended by the Budget & Finance Committee at the November 9, 2009 meeting was made by Hannah Brown and seconded by Maggie Mendez. Motion carried.

Margarita Rebolal provided a Budget and Finance update: the combined ARRA/Formula PY09 Budget vs. Actual, as of December 2009, is at 28.63% spending; item(s) to watch is line item 6305 Contract Services, which will decrease due to contract staff assigned to permanent positions and line item 6210 Legal Fees, which incurred costs for counsel on meeting agendas and representation at Board meetings; the Contractor Expenditures for Service Providers through ARRA Invoice #27 is \$2,401,205 with 23.6% of the total award spent and Contract Expenditures for Service Providers PY09 Formula Report through Invoice #376 is \$3,253,170 with 44.1% of the total award spent.

HELP of Southern Nevada and Nevada Partners, Inc. Adult and Dislocated Worker funds are under spent. Staff will work with both agencies to appropriately allocate the Formula and ARRA dollars throughout the remainder of the contract ending June 30, 2010.

At the request of David Jefferson, Cornelius Eason provided an information update on WIA reauthorization as was provided by some of the agency staff, other WIBs and the business community to the Sr. Policy Advisor for Senator Reid's Office in Washington D.C. Language of WIA policies will be drafted and presented before the committee by mid-year and may be presented before the Senate by the end of year 2010.

ii. - Adult & Dislocated Worker Committee ~ Charles Darling, Sr., Chair

Charles Darling, Sr., read the recommendation to accept and approve the modification and additions to *workforce*CONNECTIONS Policies 3.0r#2 and 3.6r#3. Policy 3.0r#2-Eligibility for WIA Title I Services is to modify and diminish the eligibility requirements for dislocated workers, and Policy 3.6r#3-Eligible Training Providers is to include the current Approved Eligible Training Provider List requirements and applicable language denoted in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

A motion was made to accept and approve the modification and additions to workforceCONNECTIONS Policies 3.0r#2 and 3.6r#3 by Maggie Petrel and seconded by Dr. Linda Young. Motion carried.

Mr. Darling, Sr. stated that Valerie Murzl was elected Vice Chair of the Adult and Dislocated Worker Committee at the February 10, 2010 meeting.

iii. - Brand & Value Committee ~ Laurie Luongo

Laurie Luongo provided a Brand & Value committee update.

Ms. Luongo thanked Mike Hopper for doing a great job with marketing *workforce*CONNECTIONS and setting up the booth at the Preview Las Vegas 2010 event. Photos are available for viewing on our website.

The Brand and Value committee has a goal to add an educational component to each Board meeting and has been working with Debra Campbell and other members of the Board to make this happen. The educational piece for today's meeting is to answer the question, "Who are we?" which led into Jaime Cruz's presentation on *workforce*CONNECTIONS.

The committee is also searching for more creative ways to connect with employers.

iv. - Emerging Markets/Partnerships/Resources Development Committee ~ Pat Maxwell, Chair

Cornelius Eason reported on Emerging Markets activities including the Service Provider Partner-Executive Director's Roundtable and Preview Las Vegas 2010 event.

At the Service Provider Partner and Executive Directors Roundtable were nine service providers and seven staff from *workforce*CONNECTIONS. Sommer Hollingsworth, President/CEO of the Nevada Development Authority (NDA) briefed the committee on the economic activity that the NDA is involved with, MaryAnn Avendano discussed the spending level and budgets, and Heather DeSart discussed program management.

Preview Las Vegas 2010 was a success and received pre and post show press. Forty-four representatives from *workforce*CONNECTIONS attended, including 12 Board members, 14 staff, and 18 service provider partners. According to the Las Vegas Chamber, the event had over 2,200 attendees, an increase from last year by 500 attendees and 120 exhibitors making it the best attendance in five years.

*workforce*CONNECTIONS purchased a table at the upcoming Asian Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner on February 19, 2010 and the Latin Chamber of Commerce Annual Installation Dinner on February 20, 2010 and will sponsor the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce Luncheon on March 17, 2010 and the Urban Chamber of Commerce Luncheon on September 22, 2010.

Due to the many questions on Green Energy jobs, Chair Mujahid Ramadan asked that the Emerging Markets/Partnerships/Resources Development Committee provide a regular update to the Board on Green Energy. The request was duly noted by staff. Discussion ensued.

v. - Youth Council ~ Ken LoBene, Chair

Ken LoBene provided background on the Youth Council's recommendation to approve the negotiation and execution of a contract amendment with Area Health Education Center (AHEC) of Southern Nevada in the amount of \$300,000 of Title I WIA Youth Funding for the Industry Sector Initiative.

A motion was made to approve the negotiation and execution of a contract amendment with Area Health Education Center (AHEC) of Southern Nevada in the amount of \$300,000 of Title I WIA Youth Funding for the Industry Sector Initiative by Hannah Brown and seconded by Ardell Galbreth. Motion carried.

Mr. LoBene provided background on the Youth Council's recommendation to approve the negotiation and execution of a contract with the College of Southern Nevada for rural services in Lincoln County, including a youth allocation in the amount of \$120,000.

A motion was made to approve the negotiation and execution of a contract with the College of Southern Nevada for rural services in Lincoln County, including a youth allocation in the amount of \$120,000 by Ardell Galbreth and seconded by Charles Darling Sr. Deana Zelenik abstained. Motion carried.

Mr. LoBene provided an update on Project 5000 Kids and the overall goal to increase the graduation rate. Each year 5000 youth will be connected to a work experience activity. Already two hundred employers are interested in sponsoring the youth; ultimately 2500 employers are needed to provide opportunities for 5000 youth. Mr. LoBene has been presenting Project 5000 Kids to CEO's in the community and so far everybody is on board and eager to connect with the youth.

The *work*HAPPENS: Project 5000 Kids kick-off event is scheduled for April 8, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. at the Historic Fifth Street School; invitations will be sent out at the beginning of March.

Commissioner Lawrence Weekly stated that Summer Business Institute (SBI) has over 1,350 applications for summer employment and funding for only 150 placements. The applications will be narrowed down to 600 interviews and then ultimately 150 youth placements. Commissioner Weekly stated that this will be an arduous task and thanked John Ball, Rosie Boulware, Sylvia Spencer, and staff for their help in the process and their ongoing efforts in finding other opportunities for the remaining 1,200 youth.

John Ball provided a Juvenile Justice Re-Entry update. As part of this new Federal Act, the Department of Justice (DOJ) recently released a request for proposals for the Second Chance Act Demonstration Sites. There was interest in Clark County Juvenile Services to pursue this funding with support from

*workforce*CONNECTIONS. Clark County, Department of Juvenile Justice Services (DJJS) has decided not to submit an application at this time; however, in working in partnership with *workforce*CONNECTIONS there will be a planning process over the next couple of months to lay out a blueprint for a comprehensive re-entry strategy for juveniles in Clark County. Cyndy Gustafson/Strategic Progress will support this planning process.

AGENDA ITEM 5 – Public Comment

Peggy Oliver, Native American Community Service (NACS), thanked the Board and staff for the opportunity to correct and make improvements to their program. As part of the improvement plan, NACS hired a part-time case manger to handle some of the case load in employment services.

Tameca Ulmer notified the Board that pictures will be taken of the Board members at the March 25th Board meeting.

Ms. Ulmer will conduct a poll of Board members for the preferred date of the November-December Board meeting.

Ms. Ulmer is in the process of updating the Board Member Contact List and will be in contact with each Board member to verify contact information.

AGENDA ITEM 6 – Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:11 a.m.