

MINUTES
*workforce***CONNECTIONS**
Board of Directors Meeting
The Culinary Training Academy
April 26, 2011
10:00 a.m.

Members Present

Valerie Murzl	Michelle Bize	F. Travis Buchanan
Councilman Travis Chandler	Dan Gouker	Sonja Holloway
Mark Keays	Dr. David Lee	Ken LoBene
Eloiza Martinez	Pat Maxwell	Denis Perea
Charles Perry	Commissioner Tommy Rowe	Councilwoman Gerri Schroder

Members Absent

Hannah Brown	William Bruninga	Commissioner Andrew Borasky
Mark Edgel	Commissioner Dominic Pappalardo	Mujahid Ramadan
Councilman William Robinson	Dan Rose	Councilman Steven D. Ross
Commissioner Lawrence Weekly		

Staff Present

Ashok Mirchandani	David Jefferson	Suzanne Potter	Tameca Ulmer
Tom Dang	Heather DeSart	Clentine January	Kelly Woods
Jaime Cruz	Rick Villalobos	Cornelius Eason	Ardell Galbreth
Jeannie Kuennen	Lori Thomas	Scott Steinbach	Linda Yi
Chris Shaw	Byron Goynes	Lucy Ivins	Nancy White
Gina Campbell	Lauren Stewart	Kim Colagioia	MaryAnn Avendano
Lynn Kerr			

Others Present

Stacy Smith, Nye Communities Coalition	Fran Phillips, CHR, Inc.
Victoria Simon, CHR, Inc.	Otto Merida, Latin Chamber of Commerce
Tiffany Tyler, Nevada Partners, Inc.	Faith Cannella, Nevada Partners, Inc.
Pam Egan, Nevada Partners, Inc.	Helicia Thomas, GNJ Family Life Center
Ann Marie Colin, FIT	Doug Geinzer, S. Nevada Medical Industry Coalition
Leon Jackson, The NIA Project	Cap Holmes, GNJ Family Life Center
Rene Cantu, Latin Chamber of Commerce	

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

Agenda Item I – Call to order, confirmation of posting, and roll call

The meeting was called to order by the Vice-Chair, Valerie Murzl at 10:08 a.m. Staff confirmed the meeting had been properly posted in accordance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

Agenda Item II – Approve the Agenda with the inclusion of any emergency items and deletion of any items

A motion was made to approve the Agenda as presented by Eloiza Martinez and seconded by Charles Perry. Motion carried.

Agenda Item III – DISCUSSION and POSSIBLE ACTION: Committee Progress Reports

1. Youth Council ~ Ken LoBene, Chair ACTION: Approve the Youth Council recommendation of a PY10 Governor's Reserve funded contract with the Clark County Summer Business Institute in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 for summer youth employment activities

Ken LoBene presented the item to the Board.

A motion was made to approve the Youth Council recommendation of a PY10 Governor's Reserve funded contract with the Clark County Summer Business Institute in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 for summer youth employment activities by Charles Perry and seconded by Eloiza Martinez. Motion carried.

The YouthBuild Las Vegas Green Machine was on property for the Board Members to see. The truck is almost completely refurbished to provide a renewable energy mobile training site. Jaime Cruz demonstrated a mini model of a wind and solar powered house to simulate the effects of renewable energy.

Nancy White provided a Project 5000 Kids program update and overview of P5K's Nevada Graduation League mentoring program. The purpose of the program is to provide youth with one-on-one mentoring, training and development, group activities, and awards and recognitions. The program's objective is to connect the business community with the education community in a common goal to help increase the high school graduation rate.

Nancy White thanked Michelle Bize for publishing Lauren Stewart's "Who Believed in You?" article in reviewjournal.com.

Councilwoman Gerri Schroder briefed the Board regarding her involvement with Jerome Williams' 2011 Rally 4 Kids Project. Councilwoman Schroeder will join Mr. Williams and his Pit Crew for a rally down The Strip on Saturday, April 30th. Project 5000 Kids will receive an award at the JYD Rally Awards Banquet on April 28th.

2. Adult & Dislocated Worker Committee ~ Valerie Murzl, Vice-Chair a. ACTION: Approve the revised Scope of Work for the Latin Chamber of Commerce Community Foundations, Casa Verde Project

Following a brief overview of the proposed revisions by Dr. Renee Cantu Jr., Executive Director, Latin Chamber of Commerce Community Foundation:

A motion was made to approve the revised Scope of Work for the Latin Chamber of Commerce Community Foundations, Casa Verde Project by Pat Maxwell and seconded by Dr. David Lee. Motion carried.

- b. ACTION: Approve the workforceCONNECTIONS' continuation of employment and training services for the PRIDE (Prisoner Reentry) Program for PY2011

Valerie Murzl presented the item and provided background to the Board. John Ball addressed the policy when Workforce Boards get involved with direct services. Heather DeSart provided a brief overview of the PRIDE Program and the importance of continuing re-entry services.

A motion was made to approve the workforceCONNECTIONS' continuation of employment and training services for the PRIDE (Prisoner Re-entry) Program for PY2011 by Charles Perry and seconded by Eloiza Martinez. Motion carried.

Heather DeSart briefed the Board regarding the termination by the Division of Workforce and Economic Development at the College of Southern Nevada of the Lincoln County contract for Adult and

Dislocated Workers employment and training services. Ms. DeSart stated that the decision to discontinue operations at the Caliente CSN site as a provider was due to the lack of jobs in the area and the small population of the community among other challenges. A letter from CSN is provided on page 18 of the agenda packet.

3. Emerging Markets/Partnerships/Resource Development ~ Pat Maxwell, Chair

Cornelius Eason provided an update on the Rapid Response event with the Sahara Hotel. Approximately 350 of Sahara employees attended the Rapid Response. The Employment Edge Workshop was held at the Sahara Hotel and Casino to provide the Sahara employees valuable employment information including job search, networking, resume writing, and interviewing skills.

Jaime Cruz provided an update on the SESP (State Energy Sector Partnership) grant for \$6M awarded to the State of Nevada. WorkforceCONNECTIONS requested and received a grant modification request to deploy green economy workforce development strategies in energy efficiency and renewable energy. David Jefferson thanked Denis Perea, DETR for his assistance with the modification process.

4. Budget & Finance Committee ~ Councilwoman Gerri Schroder, Chair

Ash Mirchandani provided an overview of the PY10 WIA Formula & ARRA Expenses Consolidated Budget vs. Actual Report provided on page 23 of the agenda packet.

Mr. Mirchandani provided an overview of the Provider Contract Expenditure Report for the period ending March 31, 2011. The report was provided as a handout at the meeting. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Mirchandani stated that a draft of the PY09/FY10 (July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010) Audit will be received from the auditors today and the audit will be finalized this week. Also, this week *workforceCONNECTIONS* is releasing an RFP for A-133 Auditing Services.

Tameca Ulmer provided an update on the RFP process. A list of proposals received is provided on page 24 – 25 of the agenda packet. The first RFP Evaluators meeting was yesterday and another meeting is scheduled next week.

5. Executive Director's Update ~ John Ball

John Ball congratulated the team on the SESP grant modification and thanked Senator Reid's office for their support and briefly discussed the dynamics of the grant.

Mr. Ball congratulated Dr. Lee who recently was appointed to the manufacturing sector council.

Mr. Ball updated the Board on the California Workforce Association (CWA) Conference attended by several *workforceCONNECTIONS* staff. Mr. Ball noted that the conference had no Federal representation and was "non-informative" regarding the WIA reauthorization update. Mr. Ball suggested the Executive Committee and staff have a discussion at the next meeting regarding the agency's roll at creating an advocacy function on the Board.

Agenda Item IV – Consent Agenda

A. Approve the minutes from the *workforceCONNECTIONS*' Board of Directors Meeting on March 22, 2011

A motion was made to approve and/or receive Consent Agenda Item A as presented by Eloiza Martinez and seconded by Pat Maxwell. Motion carried.

Agenda Item V – Public Comment

Douglas Geinzer, Southern Nevada Medical Industry Coalition (SNMIC) provided the Health Care 2020 March 2011 Update. Approximately 60 nurses have been placed in employment with earnings of approximately \$28/hour. The first cohort of 28 Registered Nurses completed their New Grad Program at Sunrise Hospital and is being retained on a 2-year employment contract. SNMIC started an education campaign to educate health care employers on ways to partner with the workforce development system.

Rene Cantu, Latin Chamber of Commerce Community Foundation provided a positive report on the Employability Conference on April 13th and the Teen Expo event on April 14. Discussion ensued.

Linda Yi, *workforce*CONNECTIONS, HRSA Grant Director commented on SNMIC's article in the widely distributed Nevada State Board of Nursing News. The results of the HRSA planning grant survey should be available by the middle of May and the information and objections disseminated to begin writing the planning grant in June.

Tiffany Tyler, Nevada Partners, Inc. reported that last Tuesday in partnership with Aerotek staff Nevada Partners hosted a hiring affair wherein over 576 participants were interviewed for 300+ positions in a one-day span.

Agenda Item VI – Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.