

MINUTES

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Board of Directors Meeting
The Culinary Training Academy
June 28, 2011
10:00AM

Members Present

Hannah Brown	Michelle Bize	William Bruninga
Mark Edgel	Dan Gouker	Sonja Holloway
Dr. David Lee	Kenneth LoBene	Pat Maxwell
Valerie Murzl	Dennis Perea	Charles Perry
Mujahid Ramadan	Dan Rose	Councilwoman Gerri Schroder
Commissioner Lawrence Weekly		

Members Absent

Commissioner Andrew Borasky	Councilman Travis Chandler	Commissioner Dominic Pappalardo
Mark Keays	Eloiza Martinez	Councilman William Robinson
Councilman Steven D. Ross	Commissioner George T. Rowe	Commissioner Tommy Rowe

Staff Present

John Ball	David Jefferson	MaryAnn Avendano	Suzanne Potter
Tom Dang	Heather DeSart	Clentine January	Debra Collins
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	Jennifer Padilla	Sylvia Spencer
Kelly Ford	Kelly Woods	Rosie Boulware	Lynn Kerr
Tameca Ulmer	Carol Polke	Michael Simmons	Cherie Hughes

Others Present

Trnee Stephenson, ISIS Connection	Fran Phillips, CHR
Victoria Simon, CHR, Inc.	Peggy Oliver, ISIS Connection
Faith Cannella, Nevada Partners, Inc.	Vincent Miller, Goodwill
Sherry Ramsey, Goodwill	Elizabeth McDaniels, Goodwill
Bob Butterfield, Nevada Partners, Inc.	Linda Montgomery, The Learning Center
Donna Romo, DETR	Jake McClelland, FIT
Penny Hagen, FIT	Janet Blumen, FIT
Doug Geinzer, SNMIC	Janice Rael, Nevada Partners, Inc.
Denise Gee, HELP of Southern Nevada	Jennifer Rowland, New Horizons
Donna Bensing, New Horizons	Mary House, CHR, Inc.
Tiffany Tyler, Nevada Partners, Inc.	Rene Cantu, Latin Chamber of Commerce
Monique Harris, Southern Nevada Children First	Keysa Rogers, EOB
Stacy Smith, Nye Communities Coalition	Carol Elslager, ISIS Connection
Matt Cecil, Board Counsel	

(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 Chair Hannah Brown 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 Pat Maxwell and seconded by Valerie Murzl. Motion carried.

Agenda Item IX – Public Comment

Peggy Oliver, ISIS Connection: Ms. Oliver has been operating Native American Community Services (NACS), providing healthcare sector services for the past three years. Ms. Oliver will finish her work at NACS at the end of June 2011, at which time Ms. Oliver will be involved in the operation of the new agency, ISIS Connection. ISIS Connection submitted a proposal in response to the Healthcare RFP process based on NACS successful program model, but the proposal scored low in the evaluation process. Ms. Oliver stated that NACS has a success rate of 80%. As a result of the low score, Ms. Oliver is interested in receiving information regarding the evaluation process and background on members of the evaluation committee. Ms. Oliver asked the Board to reconsider the recommendation of the staff and committees and allow ISIS Connection to continue to operate with the same success NACS has in the past by allowing them to serve additional 80 – 85 clients to empower and enrich their lives and meet the needs of the healthcare.

Trnee Stephenson, Case Manager at NACS: Ms. Stephenson, founder of ISIS Connections, stated that ISIS Connection is a new name for an agency of seasoned staff with experience of over 15 years. Ms. Stephenson and the ISIS staff would like to continue providing services that focus on serving people, one person at a time with the objective of providing clients with empowerment and advancement for a better self and a better tomorrow for a better community. Ms. Stephenson thanked the Board and asked for reconsideration.

Dr. Mary House, CEO, CHR (Caring, Helping & Resorting Lives), Inc.: Ms. House thanked the Board for allowing CHR to serve their community and noted that CHR is the only service provider located and providing (WIA) services in immediate service delivery area.

Sherry Ramsey, Chief Financial Mission Officer, Goodwill of Southern Nevada: Ms. Ramsey thanked the Board for funding Goodwill for the past three years. Ms. Ramsey stated that over the last two contract periods, Goodwill has placed 735 participants into meaningful employment and trained over 42% or 309 participants. Goodwill's goal for the current contract period was to enroll 193 job seekers; however, Goodwill exceeded the goal by 216%, enrolling 416 job seekers. With the prior year carry-over, Goodwill placed 438 participants into meaningful employment. Ms. Ramsey shared a success story about two Goodwill participants who are now employed.

Carol Elslager, ISIS Connection (formerly NACS): Ms. Elslager asked the Board to reconsider ISIS Connection for funding based on the agency's experience and focus in the healthcare sector. Ms. Elslager stated that NACS had 80% job placement in the healthcare sector and over 90 years of collective staff experience. Ms. Elslager thanked the Board and asked for the Board's support and consideration.

Janet Blumen, CEO, Foundation for an Independent Tomorrow (FIT): Ms. Blumen spoke about the services provided by FIT including intensive testing, comprehensive one-on-one case management, basic education onsite, provide tuition for vocational education, and supportive services. Ms. Blumen stated that FIT's Green Economy Sector proposal included a new layer of service called the Green Economy Together Counsel, which is made up of 11 community partners who, if funded, were to be commissioned to create and cultivate green jobs. FIT has placed three participants in green OJTs and employed many in transportation. Ms. Blumen stated that FIT has employed 1,149 people to date. Jake

McClelland, FIT, distributed a reporting outlining FIT's economic impact of two years of graduating clients. Ms. Blumen asked the Board to reconsider FIT for green economy sector funding.

Douglas Geinzer, CEO, Southern Nevada Medical Industry Coalition (SNMIC): Mr. Geinzer provided a program update including SNMIC's performance measure outcomes, economic impact of the New Graduate Nurse Program and the pilot of the SMART Dislocated Worker Program. Mr. Geinzer stated that SNMIC has designed and developed the most successful program in the healthcare sector in the State of Nevada. Mr. Geinzer stated that the amount of funding awarded to SNMIC will jeopardize the healthcare community and encouraged the Board to reconsider their funding recommendation.

Agenda Item IV – Youth Council ~ Ken LoBene, Chair

a. ACTION: ACCEPT and APPROVE the Youth Council's recommendation to negotiate and execute a WIA Youth Contract with Nye Communities Coalition in an amount not to exceed \$48,514.00 to implement a summer component from July 1, 2011 through September 30, 2011 to provide employment and education services for youth

Ken LoBene read the recommendation and provided a brief background.

A motion was made to accept and approve the Youth Council's recommendation to negotiate and execute a WIA Youth Contract with Nye Communities Coalition in an amount not to exceed \$48,514.00 to implement a summer component from July 1, 2011 through September 30, 2011 to provide employment and education services for youth as presented by Commissioner Lawrence Weekly and seconded by Valerie Murzl. Motion carried

b. ACTION: ACCEPT and APPROVE the Youth Council's recommendation to amend the current interlocal agreement with the Clark County Summer Business Institute by adding an amount not to exceed \$49,030 in Governor's Reserve funds to support summer employment and education opportunities for youth

Ken LoBene read the recommendation and provided a brief background. Commissioner Lawrence Weekly is a member of the Clark County Board of Commissions and recused himself from discussion and voting. Following a brief discussion,

A motion was made to accept and approve the Youth Council's recommendation to amend the current interlocal agreement with the Clark County Summer Business Institute by adding an amount not to exceed \$49,030 in Governor's Reserve funds to support summer employment and education opportunities for youth as presented by Pat Maxwell and seconded by Charles Perry. Commissioner Lawrence Weekly abstained. Motion carried.

c. ACTION: ACCEPT and APPROVE the Youth Council's recommendations for Youth WIA funded year-round contracts procured through the Request for Proposal (RFP) process for the contract period July 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012 to provide education, training, and employment services for youth for the following contracts and recommended amounts not to exceed:

HELP of Southern Nevada.....	\$713,000
Clark County School District.....	\$362,000
Southern Nevada Children First.....	\$125,000
Nevada Partners.....	\$500,000
Nye Communities Coalition.....	\$300,000

Ken LoBene read the recommendation and provided a brief background. Pursuant to Commissioner Weekly's request, Mr. LoBene agreed to provide to the members of the Board a demographic breakdown of youth served by service provider, including enrollments, zip code, ethnicity, and employment information. Commissioner Weekly expressed his concern that the same providers are

receiving funding year after year and stated that new programs should be funded. Tameca Ulmer provided a brief overview of the RFP evaluation process. Ms. Ulmer reiterated that the recommended contract amounts are based on a 15-month contract term.

A motion was made to accept and approve the Youth Council’s recommendations for Youth WIA funded year-round contracts procured through the Request for Proposal (RFP) process for the contract period July 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012 to provide education, training, and employment services for youth for the above contracts and recommended not to exceed amounts as presented by Valerie Murzl and seconded by Pat Maxwell. Commissioner Lawrence Weekly opposed. Motion carried.

d. ACTION: APPROVE the Youth Council’s recommendations for Youth WIA funded Tri-County Coalition contracts procured through the Request for Proposal (RFP) process for the contract period July 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012 pending the negotiation of program designs and budgets for education, training, and employment services for youth for the following contracts and recommended amounts not to exceed:

Nye Communities Coalition.....	\$150,000
University of Nevada Reno/Lincoln County School District....	\$100,000

Ken LoBene read the recommendation and provided a brief background.

A motion was made to approve the Youth Council’s recommendations for Youth WIA funded Tri-County Coalition contracts procured through the Request for Proposal (RFP) process for the contract period July 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012, pending the negotiation of program designs and budgets for education, training, and employment services for youth for the above contracts and recommended not to exceed amounts as presented by Commission Lawrence Weekly and seconded by Dan Rose. Motion carried.

e. ACTION: APPROVE the Youth Council’s recommendation to find the proposals submitted for the Youth Green Economy and Youth Healthcare Sectors “unresponsive” and direct workforceCONNECTIONS’ staff to develop consortia to deliver services in a joint, coordinated manner for each of these two sectors and to return to the Youth Council with final funding recommendations.

Ken LoBene read the recommendation and provided a brief background. Mr. LoBene the proposals received in response to the RFP process did not meet the criteria necessary to implement youth programs in the Green Economy and Healthcare sectors. Ms. Ulmer stated that only five total proposals were received for both sectors. The Youth Council is recommending that staff work with a group of providers and representatives from both the Green Economy and Healthcare sectors to develop consortia for each sector. John Ball commented that although challenging, this process will give the agency an opportunity to bring partners to the table in a non-competitive manner to align and combine the strengths they each provide and deliver the youth services needed in the Green and Healthcare sectors. Mr. Ball stated that both the Green Economy and Healthcare sectors are high growth industries. In response to Valerie Murzl’s question, Ms. Ulmer stated that \$500,000 has been set aside for the Youth Green Economy sector and \$500,000 for the Youth Healthcare sector. Mr. Ball stated that most of the funding set aside is from the current year’s budget. Ms. Ulmer stated that staff has been assigned to internal working groups and are reaching out to professionals in the two sectors for employment information, job opportunities, and reasonable wages for youth in the Green and Healthcare sector. Following a brief discussion,

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manner for each of these two sectors and to return to the Youth Council with final funding recommendations as presented by Pat Maxwell and seconded by Valerie Murzl. Motion carried.

f. INFORMATION: Project 5000 Kids Update

Nancy White provided the following Project 5000 Kids update:

- 1) P5K has now placed 62 students in summer work experiences. This month we placed four interns at the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce and one student at Valley Hospital.
- 2) P5K recently partnered with RS Holdings, a new Papa John's franchise here in Las Vegas, to place students in their new store opening July 7th. So far, Papa John's has hired five students and are still interviewing to hire more.
- 3) The Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce hired 5 students to help them with their Biz Expo on June 21-22.
- 4) P5K was interviewed and mentioned numerous times in two articles in the Sunday, May 22, edition of the Las Vegas Review Journal. The subject was the difficulty youth have in finding summer jobs.
- 5) P5K staff was the guest speakers at the North Las Vegas Rotary Club on May 27th. We presented an overview of Project 5000 Kids and a preview of the Graduation League. Very positive response to the Grad League, possible training and job opportunities with one of their members, and a possible funding opportunity.
- 6) Members of the P5K Team participated in the Workforce Connection booth at the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce Business Expo on June 22 at the World Market Center. Our life-size P5K made an appearance at this event, mingling with the crowd that was there.
- 7) P5K is currently in discussions with Internships.com regarding a possible partnership alliance. This would provide many resources to our youth including an "intern certification" program, internship openings, and other information that could prove to be a valuable resource.
- 8) P5K was asked to present the P5K program to the GAP program students at Mack Middle School on May 31st. These are students who are at risk of dropping out of school. The counselors were very pleased with the program and will be asking for our help in the future.
- 9) On June 14th, a few members of the Workforce Connections team were given a tour of Zappos.com. P5K has been in talks with Zappos about their internship program. After our meeting following the tour, it was decided that Zappos and P5K would form a partnership to create the Zappos internship program. It will be a year-round rolling 8-week program with 8+ new interns each session. We are very excited about this great opportunity to work with the Zappos family.
- 10) P5K has two new summer intern opportunities with Midas. P5K will be placing students from the automotive programs at the career and tech academies. We are very grateful to Ms. Shauna Forsythe for her donation for the tools these students needed.
- 11) P5K is continuing to meet with businesses in the community to secure summer work experiences for our students. As of June 1, we have over 500 students who have applied for summer internships.

- 12) P5K received a \$5,000 sponsorship check from Bank of America for P5K's internship program.
- 13) P5K is working on a partnership with the City of Las Vegas to train youth for jobs as recreation center aides and lifeguards. We have numerous lifeguard opportunities for certified students.
- 14) P5K staff is meeting with Target to form a partnership to become the pipeline for student jobs within the stores in the Southern Nevada area.
- 15) P5K interns have come home for the summer. Nick, Joe and Aisja are currently working the agency and Corey will be back with us July 1st. The interns are currently helping with our social media applications, creating our You Tube videos and many other creative projects.
- 16) P5K just completed a Cooperative Agreement with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service to place four interns – 2 from the Las Vegas Paiute Tribe and 2 from the Moapa Paiute Tribe – to work at the National Wildlife Refuges this summer.

Tameca Ulmer provided a brief overview of the PY2011 Request for Proposal Process; detail is provided on page 6 -7 of the agenda packet. Councilwoman Gerri Schroder asked how the proposals were scored. Ms. Ulmer stated that the youth proposals questions were worth a total of 100 points and Heather DeSart stated that the adult proposals were worth a combined total of 200 points; 100 points for demonstrated performance, narrative, past performance with WIA funding and 100 points for the sector specific questions. Each of the questions was weighted with a certain amount of points, totaled, and from there an average score produced. In response to Commissioner Weekly's question regarding conflict of interest in the evaluation process, Ms. Ulmer stated that each of the Evaluators submit a signed conflict of interest form, which is kept on file.

Councilman Schroder asked how much the funding has decreased for PY2011. Mr. Jefferson stated that the agency will have approximately \$20 Million in funds for PY2011. John Ball directed the Board's attention to the PY2011 WIA Formula Budget on page 105 of the agenda packet and read the PY2010 vs. PY2011 allocations for Adult Services and Dislocated Services. The total allocation for PY2011 is \$12,496,017 which is \$6,039,117 less than the PY2010's allocation of \$18,535,134.

Ardell Galbreth discussed the importance of the conflict of interest issue and stated that all Board members must disclose any relationship or association they have, including relatives, with providers that receive funds and/or that may receive funds directly through grants administered by workforceCONNECTIONS. Mr. Galbreth stated that Board members must disclose all conflicts of interest and/or potential conflict of interest and abstain from discussion and voting in such matters. TEGL 35-10 (Training and Employment Guidance Letter) issued June 16, 2011 regarding Transparency and Integrity in Workforce Investment Board Decisions was provided to the members of the Board.

Agenda Item III – Adult & Dislocated Worker Committee

a. ACTION: ACCEPT and APPROVE the Adult & Dislocated Workers Committee's recommendation to negotiate and execute Green Economy Sector contracts procured through the Request for Proposal (RFP) process, to provide training and employment services for Adult and Dislocated Workers for the following contracts and recommended amounts not to exceed:

Bridge Counseling Associates.....	\$500,000
GNJ Family Life Center.....	\$600,000
Goodwill of Southern Nevada.....	\$600,000

Nevada Partners, Inc.....	\$600,000
Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority...	\$175,000

Valerie Murzl read the motion and noted that proposals received totaled \$12,896,398 compared to the amount of funding available of \$2,475,000. A detailed list of proposals, average scores, and amount requested, recommended amounts, proposed number of participants to be served and cost per participant is provided on page 9 of the agenda packet.

Dan Rose expressed his thoughts on Green Economy jobs and stated that Green jobs such as HVAC training, energy audit training, and weatherization training, named in the proposals, is not high-demand due in part to the building trades that already have individuals trained in these areas, being at 50-70% unemployment. John Ball stated that discussion and planning to find a skilled workforce for significant Green Jobs will take place after the Board approves the execution of contracts. Ms. DeSart said part of the consideration for contract recommendations was the provider's ability to connect workers to meaningful green jobs based on MOU's and established partnerships with employers in the Green Economy sector.

Commissioner Weekly inquired about the recommendation for the Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority (SNRHA). Ms. DeSart stated that SNRHA performed well with ARRA funds although they had difficulty expending funds while completing a large merger; however, SNRHA has addressed and corrected these issues. Commissioner Weekly expressed his concerns regarding the transparency of the RFP Evaluation process. Mr. Ball stated the process is a directive from three years ago by the Local Elected Officials consortium to ensure that the agency does everything to support and improve the objectivity, independence, and integrity of the RFP process and allocation of resources. Mr. Ball stated that two specific requirements of the process are the disengagement of the staff and the Board from direct involvement in the evaluation and scoring of proposals. Mr. Ball stated that the agency has followed the Department of Labor's guidelines in every step of the RFP process and the guidance of the relevant committees. Following further discussion,

A motion was made to accept and approve the Adult & Dislocated Workers Committee's recommendation to negotiate and execute Green Economy Sector contracts procured through the Request for Proposal (RFP) process, to provide training and employment services for Adult and Dislocated Workers for the above contracts and recommended not to exceed amounts as presented by Councilwoman Gerri Schroder and seconded by Charles Perry. Motion carried.

b. ACTION: ACCEPT and APPROVE the Adult & Dislocated Workers Committee's recommendation to negotiate and execute PY11 contracts with the following incumbent service providers for an amount not to exceed:

Latin Chamber Community Commerce Foundation...	\$600,000
Nye Communities Coalition.....	\$750,000
PRIDE (Prisoner Re-entry).....	\$500,000
Southern Nevada Medical Industry Coalition.....	\$600,000

Valerie Murzl read the recommendation and Heather DeSart provided a brief background. A Scope of Work for the recommended incumbent providers is provided on page 14-25 of the agenda packet. Charles Perry is a member of the Southern Nevada Medical Industry Coalition Board and recused himself from discussion and voting. Hannah Brown is a member of the Latin Chamber Community Commerce Foundation Board and recused herself from discussion and voting.

A motion was made to accept and approve the Adult & Dislocated Workers Committee's recommendation to negotiate and execute PY11 contracts with the above incumbent service providers for the not to exceed amounts as presented by Councilwoman Gerri Schroder and seconded by Pat Maxwell. Charles Perry and Hannah Brown abstained. Motion carried.

c. ACTION: ACCEPT and APPROVE the Adult & Dislocated Workers Committee’s recommendation to negotiate and execute Healthcare Sector contracts procured through the Request for Proposal (RFP) process, to provide training and employment services for Adult and Dislocated Workers for the following contracts and recommended amounts not to exceed:

Nevada Partners, Inc.....	\$600,000
Foundation for an Independent Tomorrow.....	\$600,000
Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority.....	\$175,000
Latin Chamber Community Commerce Foundation...	\$600,000
Clark County School District/Desert Rose.....	\$500,000

Valerie Murzl read the recommendation and provided a brief background. Ardell Galbreth noted for the record that Fit for an Independent Tomorrow should read Foundation for an Independent Tomorrow. Heather DeSart stated that a detailed list of proposals, average scores, and amount requested, recommended amounts, proposed number of participants to be served and cost per participant and program descriptions is provided on page 27 – 30 of the agenda packet. Ms. DeSart stated the total amount requested is \$8,253,440 and the total amount recommended is \$2,475,000.

A motion was made to accept and approve the Adult & Dislocated Workers Committee’s recommendation to negotiate and execute Healthcare Sector contracts procured through the Request for Proposal (RFP) process, to provide training and employment services for Adult and Dislocated Workers for the above contracts and recommended not to exceed amounts as presented by Councilwoman Gerri Schroder and seconded by Charles Perry. Hannah Brown abstained. Motion carried.

d. ACTION: ACCEPT and APPROVE the Adult & Dislocated Workers Committee’s recommendation to negotiate and execute a contract with Second Chance procured as a result of the Prisoner Re-entry “Best Practices Model” Request for Proposals (RFP) released on May 28, 2011. The amount of the contract is not to exceed \$167,664.00.

Valerie Murzl read the recommendation. John Ball provided a brief background on the prior prisoner re-entry services RFP process. Mr. Ball stated the Second Chance program has the best curriculum that is focused on training the trainer on specific skills and competencies to improve the quality of services provided. Heather DeSart directed the Board’s attention to the summary of proposals received on page 32 of the agenda packet. Ms. DeSart provided a brief overview of the Second Chance program. Mujahid Ramadan stated that the Second Chance program effectively reaches and serves a large prisoner re-entry population and the curriculum will empower local staff with the tools and knowledge to administer training to other individuals in the community.

A motion was made to accept and approve the Adult & Dislocated Workers Committee’s recommendation to negotiate and execute a contract with Second Chance procured as a result of the Prisoner Re-entry “Best Practices Model” Request for Proposals (RFP) released on May 28, 2011 in an amount no to exceed \$167,664.00 as presented by Mujahid Ramadan and seconded by Dan Rose. Motion carried.

Agenda Item V – Emerging Markets/Partnerships/Resource Development ~ Pat Maxwell, Chair

Pat Maxwell asked Debra Collins to provide a brief healthcare update. Ms. Collins provided the following update:

- The partners of the Plus One Program (Nevada Cancer Institute, College of Southern Nevada, Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority, and workforceCONNECTIONS) are preparing for the Review, scheduled on June 22-24, 2011. Ms. Collins has a list of objectives and will provide a full report on the DOL High Growth Grant upon her review.

- The Nevada Healthcare Sector Council met on June 2, 2011 wherein DETR Director Larry Mosley attended and addressed the council regarding the outstanding work the council is doing. Dr. Maurizio Trevisan presented the final report of the survey for Public/Private Higher Education institutions. Highlights from the survey data is provided on page 50 – 93 of the agenda packet.
- Linda Yi hosted the Nevada Nursing Education and Practice Alliance (NNPEA) quarterly meeting at workforceCONNECTIONS on June 17, 2011.
- The Nevada Department of Education asked Ms. Collins to be an evaluator to read and score 16 proposals for the Nevada Career & Technical Education State funded program. The funds went to support agricultural programs, information technology, family consumer, healthcare, trades and industrial, and business and marketing.

Cornelius Eason provided an Emerging Markets update:

- The Employment Edge Workshop series is completed; the latest workshop focused on Veterans wherein over 100 male and female Veterans of all ages attended. The Employment Edge Workshop series is a partnership with Commissioner Lawrence Weekly, Michelle Bize and staff at the Review Journal, the Urban League, and Pearson Community Center. The series will reconvene in the Fall with a workshop focused on the Native American Community.
- WorkforceCONNECTIONS's radio show, Strictly Business, continues to air on KCEP. The latest show focused on dislocated workers; the featured guests included the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce, a banker, and a small business owner.
- WorkforceCONNECTIONS piloted a radio show over the last several weeks on KLAJ targeted toward businesses. Mr. Eason, Heather DeSart, and Summer Hollingsworth of the Nevada Development Authority were hosts.
- WorkforceCONNECTIONS is participating with General Electric in a workshop for GE's buyers from around the world targeting Veteran owned businesses. Congressman Joe Heck was the featured guest speaker.
- WorkforceCONNECTIONS participated in the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce Expo on June 22, 2011. The workforceCONNECTIONS booth was selected as the best Green booth.

Jaime Cruz provided an update on the SESP grant; to date the total number served through the SESP grant is 375 people.

Mr. Cruz stated the Green Monster Truck will be fitted with new solar panels on the roof to cool it down during the hot summer months. The truck should be fully operational within the next four weeks.

Agenda Item VI – Budget & Finance Committee ~ Councilwoman Gerri Schroder, Chair

a. ACTION: Approval of Program Year 2011 WIA Formula Budget

David Jefferson provided an overview of the workforceCONNECTIONS PY2011 WIA Formula Budget July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012 and a recap of revenues from PY2007 to present. The agency received \$6.3 Million in PY07; \$8.3 Million in PY08; \$28 Million (includes ARRA allocation) in PY09; \$25 Million for the current year, PY2010 and \$18 Million for PY2011. The PY2011 Budget is \$17.8 Million. The PY2011 allocation was \$16.8 Million, \$137,000 more than PY2010s allocation. \$1 Million of unspent operating funds was brought forward and approximately \$2 Million will be recaptured from contracts upon closeout in August 2011. A revised Budget will be presented for approval in September or October 2011 to include the additional funds, which will bring PY2011s allocation close to \$20 Million. The Budget is allocated at 10% Admin/Operations and 16% Program oversight, according to Department of Labor's requirements. A new expense category has been added for NVTrac Data Tracking System for \$250,000. NVTrac is the new client tracking/case management database that to replace the Nevada JobConnect Operating System (NJCOS).

A motion was made to approve the Program Year 2011 WIA Formula Budget as presented by Valerie Murzl and seconded by Michelle Bize. Motion carried.

MaryAnn Avendano, Interim Chief Financial Officer, provided an overview of the Provider Contract Expenditure Report for period ending June 10, 2011 provided on page 111 of the agenda packet. Ms. Avendano stated that this report will likely be revised to provide more accurate and precise information. The CSN-Lincoln County contract was terminated and the funds will be recaptured.

Ms. Avendano provided an overview of the Operating Expenditures Report for May 2011 provided on page 112 of the agenda packet. Ms. Avendano commented that all line items are in the green at 91.67% of the program year concluded. The overall expenditure for the year is at 69.27%.

Ms. Avendano provided an update on the Accounting Software System. The contract is signed and staff had a call with the vendor and consultants to solidify the implementation timeline. The new system is scheduled to launch early August 2011.

Agenda Item VII – workforceCONNECTIONS Update ~ John Ball, Executive Director

John Ball provided the following workforceCONNECTIONS update: 1) Budget - the Staff line is currently expended at “an impressive” 44% of the allowable amount for Admin; 2) The Audit will be on the Board agenda for approval in the next month or so following a discussion with the Chief Financial Officers from the relevant jurisdictions; 3) DETR Director Mosley is stepping out of his position and Dennis Perea will take over the position on an interim basis. Mr. Ball expressed appreciation for Mr. Mosley and congratulated Mr. Perea. Mr. Ball stated that the agency would not be as successful, in terms of operating the system, if not for Mr. Mosley’s spirit of partnership and his staff to execute the spirit of partnership, namely Ardell Galbreth.

Agenda Item VIII – Consent Agenda: ACTION: APPROVE the minutes from the workforceCONNECTIONS Board of Directors meeting on May 24, 2011

A motion was made to approve and/or receive the Consent Agenda as presented by Councilwoman Gerri Schroder and seconded by Pat Maxwell. Motion carried.

Agenda Item X – Adjournment

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