

Minutes
workforceCONNECTIONS
Executive Committee Meeting
January 13, 2011

Members Present

Hannah Brown, *workforceCONNECTIONS* Chair
Ken LoBene, Youth Council Chair
Pat Maxwell, Emerging Markets Chair

Valerie Murzl, Adult/Dislocated Worker Vice-Chair
Gerri Schroder, Local Elected Officials Chair

Members Absent

Deana Zelenik, Budget & Finance Committee Vice-Chair

Staff Present

John Ball	Suzanne Potter	David Jefferson	Ashok Mirchandani
Jaime Cruz	Cornelius Eason	Tameca Ulmer	Sylvia Spencer
Jeannie Kuennen	Heather DeSart	Rosie Boulware	MaryAnn Avendano

Others Present

Odalys Carmona, DETR	Alex Mendez, Urban League
Rene Cantu, Latin Chamber of Commerce	Helicia Thomas, GNJ Family Life Center

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

Agenda Item 1 - Call to Order, confirmation of posting, roll call

The meeting was called to order by Chair Hannah Brown at 9:00 a.m. Staff confirmed the meeting had been properly noticed and posted in accordance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

Agenda Item 2 – ACTION: Approval of Agenda with the inclusion of any emergency items and deletion of any items
Motion was made to approve the agenda as presented by Councilwoman Gerri Schroder and seconded by Valerie Murzl. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 3 – ACTION: Approval of the Executive Committee meeting minutes from November 10, 2010
Motion was made to approve the Executive Committee meeting minutes from November 10, 2010 as presented by Councilwoman Gerri Schroder and seconded by Valerie Murzl. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 4 –DISCUSSION and POSSIBLE ACTION:

1) **INFORMATION: Adult and Dislocated Workers Committee ~ Valerie Murzl, Vice-Chair**

- a. MaryAnn Avendano, Sr. Financial Analyst provided an update on the dispersion of strategic reserve funds approved by the ADW Committee (July 2010). The narrative, funding flowchart, and 1st quarter PY10 funding results were provided with the agenda packet (pgs. 8-10).
- b. Heather DeSart, ADW Program Manager, provided an update on additional funding opportunities for service providers through the State Energy Sector Partnership Grant. Ms. DeSart stated that training was provided to the service providers that will utilize and provide services through the SESP Grant. Jaime Cruz, Green Economy Workforce Development Director was present to answer questions.
- c. The PY10 Service Provider 1st and 2nd quarter enrollments report was distributed to the committee
- d. Ms. DeSart provided a Re-Entry update: The Pride Program is being run in-house with a waiver under the direction of Lynn Kerr, Re-Entry Specialist. The Pride Program serves residents of Casa Grande. Ms. Kerr is also directing the Get-Out Project, which is funded through the Department of Justice Grant. The Get-Out Project provides pre-release individuals with solar-installation training. Post-release, these individuals will work with Job Developers to secure employment.

2) **INFORMATION: Youth Council ~ Ken LoBene, Chair**

Ken LoBene provided a Youth Council update, including the following items:

- a. National Job Shadow Day, February 2, 2011: P5K staff has connected 2,500 students in the Clark County School District to 4,000 business job shadow opportunities for the upcoming National Job Shadow Day on February 2nd. Meetings are scheduled with the school board to recruit schools that have not agreed to

participate in the event.

- b. Teen Expo NIA Project: this Latin Chamber of Commerce and Pearson Center partnership will serve youth 14-15 years old in a 4-month leadership/mentorship project that combines opportunities to build education and life skills with an introduction to the business sector. The youth will be divided into work teams and select a pressing issue impacting teens in their community. They will be responsible for thoroughly researching their issue including its cause, possible solutions, and prevention. In addition to gaining a better understanding of the issue, each work team must contact businesses and other organizations in the surrounding community to provide local resources to address each respective issue. They will then put this information into an interactive exhibit to creatively communicate the importance of the issue to the community. Discussion ensued.

3) Budget & Finance Committee ~ Deana Zelenik, Vice-Chair

David Jefferson, Chief Operations Officer, introduced *workforce***CONNECTIONS**' new Chief Financial Officer, Ashok Mirchandani.

Mr. Jefferson stated that the Budget & Finance Committee will have a new Chair and Vice-Chair elected at February's meeting.

4) Emerging Markets/Partnerships/Resource Development ~ Pat Maxwell, Chair

Cornelius Eason provided an Emerging Markets update, including the following:

- a. Healthcare Sector Initiative Update – the State of Nevada Health Care Sector Council meeting was held on November 16, 2010; agenda items included an explanation of what the Sector Council's purpose, expectations, and deliverables are as well as discuss the State Partnership Planning Grant to develop a workforce healthcare strategy for Nevada.
The first cohort of nine oncologist nursing students graduated from the Plus-One program (partnership with UMC, Cancer Institute, and *workforce***CONNECTIONS**).
- b. Southern Nevada Labor Initiative – a new organized labor program; first efforts to go toward training people in the transportation industry.
- c. Rural workforce – Partnership with CSN and *workforce***CONNECTIONS**: staff is conducting community outreach, job readiness classes and polling employers to determine their needs. Lincoln County: ADW staff is conducting training in Lincoln County. Mesquite: two focus groups are scheduled today in Mesquite with business owners in the community to discuss their workforce and operational needs.

A full update was distributed to the committee. Discussion ensued.

5) *workforce***CONNECTIONS** Update ~ John Ball, Executive Director

John Ball, Executive Director stated that the agency will meet with DETR, Governor Sandoval and his staff for discussion regarding the roles and responsibilities of the local workforce board and its ability to mobilize resources, among other issues.

Agenda Item 5 – DISCUSSION: Possible items to be placed on the agenda for the January 25, 2011 *workforce***CONNECTIONS** Board of Director's Meeting

Valerie Murzl requested a discussion around Board representation, participation, and attendance.

Agenda Item 6 – Public Comment

Helicia Thomas, GNJ Family Life Center thanked Station casinos for a successful partnership and offered to assist with transportation youth on National Job Shadow Day.

Agenda Item 7 - Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:37 a.m.