# Minutes workforceCONNECTIONS Executive Committee Meeting June 10, 2010

# **Members Present**

Ken LoBene, Youth Council-Chair

Laurie Luongo, Brand & Value-Chair

Margarita Rebollal, Budget & Finance-Chair Gerri Schroder, Local Elected Officials-Chair

# **Members Absent**

Mujahid Ramadan, *workforce***CONNECTIONS**-Chair Charles Darling, Sr., Adult/Dislocated Worker-Chair Pat Maxwell, Emerging Markets/Partnerships/Resource Development-Chair

# **Staff Present**

John Ball Suzanne Potter MaryAnn Avendano David Jefferson Jaime Cruz

Tameca Ulmer Heather DeSart Cornelius Eason Sylvia Spencer

# **Others Present**

Fran Phillips, CHR Donna Romo, DETR Tiffany Tyler, Nevada Partners, Inc.

(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 Councilwoman Gerri Schroder at 9:40 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 Laurie Luongo commented that the Board development item was not posted on the agenda as it should have been. Discussion ensued.

Motion was made to approve the agenda as presented by Ken LoBene and seconded by Councilwoman Gerri Schroder. Laurie Luongo opposed and Margarita Rebollal abstained. Motion denied.

<u>Agenda Item 4 – DISCUSSION: Committee Progress Reports a. Adult and Dislocated Worker – Charles Darling, Sr., Chair</u>

Heather DeSart provided an update regarding PY10 allocations; staff is working closely with fiscal to look at historical spending to negotiate new contracts for the following contractors: Bridge Counseling Associates, Foundation for an Independent Tomorrow, Nevada Partners, Inc., Easter Seals, Native American Community Services, Catholic Charities, Housing Authority, Goodwill of Southern Nevada, GNJ, and CHR.

Regarding client transfer process, Native American Community Services and the Housing Authority are taking AHEC's client files and GNJ is taking Expertise's client files. The files are currently being reviewed by the agency's MIS department to ensure that the case file activities match activities in NJCOS.

Regarding Prisoner Re-Entry, a position is available to facilitate the program on a state-wide level; interviews are being scheduled at this time. David Jefferson stated that the Nevada State Department of Labor approved \$440,000 of Wagner Peyser funds for the prisoner re-entry program.

Regarding Easter Seals/Foliot Furniture, a presentation will be provided by Foliot Furniture at the June 24, 2010 Board meeting.

# b. Brand and Value Committee – Laurie Luongo, Chair

None

# c. Budget and Finance - Margarita Rebollal, Chair

None

# d. Emerging Markets/Partnerships/Resource Development – Pat Maxwell, Chair

Cornelius Eason provided a rural update including an overview of the Center of Excellence for Rural Workforce Development diagrams on page 11-12 of the agenda. Mr. Eason explained that the diagram is a convergence of resources and best practices that have interest in the rural areas, Nye, Esmeralda, Lincoln, and the rural parts of Clark County. The agency will focus all efforts on these resources to implement programs at the local level.

The Executive Director Partner Roundtable was held at The Clinical Simulations Center of Las Vegas (Sim Lab) at UNLV on June 8, 2010. The roundtable was focused on Healthcare and a panel comprised of human resources directors, educators, and employers were present as well as a representative from the Nevada Cancer Institute who discussed how collaboration can bring in dollars, outside of WIA funding.

The Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce Business Expo 2010 will be held June 23, 2010 at the World Market Center.

# e. Youth Council - Ken LoBene, Chair

Ken LoBene provided an update of the PY10 Year-Round Contractor funding recommendations as follows:

Contractor	Total PY09	Plan	Actual	Recommended PY10	Plan
HELP of Southern NV	\$370,146	75	86	\$500,000	110
Nevada Partners, Inc.	\$757,697	296	378	\$800,000	428
Nye Community Coalition	\$175,000	40	40	\$290,000	60
TOTAL	\$1,302,843	411	486	\$1,590,000	598

Mr. LoBene provided a work+HAPPENS: Project 5000 Kids update:

- Staff has had successful meetings with Mayor Goodman, Mayor Buck, the CCSD Career Development Department, MGM/Mirage, Boyd Gaming, Jr. Achievement, Merrill Lynch, and a few others.
- Project 5000 Kids has been rebranded P5K; a new logo and mascot were created. The tagline is "Who Believed in You?" The P5K website is being revised to better meet the needs of both youth and employers.
- Staff met with KNPR to discuss launching P5K's first media campaign; a proposal is pending.
- Staff is looking into a partnership with Jr. Achievement in a financial literacy project that has been successful in Los Angeles and Phoenix; staff will visit and observe the program in Los Angeles.
- Upcoming activities include meetings with Harrah's, Stations, Henderson Chamber of Commerce, Henderson Mayor Andy Hafen as well as presentations to the Boards of both Clark County School District and the Boys and Girls Clubs of Las Vegas.

Agenda Item 5 – Possible items to be placed on the agenda for the June 24, 2010 workforce CONNECTIONS Board meeting

Possible items for the June 24, 2010 *workforce***CONNECTIONS** Board meeting are Project 5000 Kids, *workforce***CONNECTIONS** revised PTO policy, and Adult and Dislocated Worker updates.

### Agenda Item 6 – Public Comment

Tiffany Tyler, doctoral candidate in the Education/Psychology Department at UNLV, addressed the Board regarding changing and shaping the lives of youth in the community.

# Agenda Item 7 - Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:43 a.m.