

Minutes
*workforce***CONNECTIONS**
Local Elected Officials Consortium
January 7, 2010
7251 W. Lake Mead, Ste. 200
Las Vegas, NV 89128

Members Present

Commissioner Andrew Borasky
Councilwoman Gerri Schroder, Chair
Commissioner Lawrence Weekly, Vice-Chair
Councilman Travis Chandler
Commissioner George Rowe

Members Absent

Councilman William Robinson
Commissioner Nancy Boland
Councilman Steven D. Ross

Staff Present

John Ball, Executive Director	Suzanne Potter
David Jefferson	Heather DeSart
Debra Collins	Tameca Ulmer
MaryAnn Avendano	Sylvia Spencer
Byron Goynes	Wendy Villanueva
Jenaya Butler	

Others Present

Ronald Sailon, Legal Counsel, City of Henderson
Mujahid Ramadan
Fran Phillips, CHR
Victoria Simon, CHR

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

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

The meeting was called to order by Councilman William Robinson at 9:30 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 - 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 Councilman Travis Chandler and seconded by Commissioner Andrew Borasky. The motion carried.

Agenda Item 3 - Approval of the Local Elected Officials meeting minutes of December 3, 2009

Motion was made to approve the minutes as presented by Councilman Travis Chandler and seconded by Commissioner Andrew Borasky. The motion carried.

Agenda Item 4 – Discussion: Any Board member may raise an issue or matter; however, no action may be taken until properly ajenized at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

None

Agenda Item 5 – Discussion and Possible Action: Nomination for Reappointment to the workforceCONNECTIONS Board

Councilwoman Gerri Schroder stated that Charles Perry is interested in continuing his appointment on the Board and declined stepping down as previously stated at the December 3, 2009 meeting.

A motion was made to approve the following reappointments to the workforceCONNECTIONS Board as presented by Councilman Travis Chandler and seconded by Commissioner Andrew Borasky.

5.1 Reappointment – (3-year term)

David Lee, President

Taiwanese Chamber of Commerce

Category: Business Community

5.2 Reappointment – (3-year term)

Charles Perry, Executive Director/CEO

Nevada Healthcare Association

Category: Business Community

5.3 Reappointment – (3-year term)

Mujahid Ramadan, President/CEO

MR Consulting

Category: Business Community

The motion carried.

Agenda Item 6 – Information Only: On December 22, 2009 the Executive Committee approved a contract extension in the amount of \$386,692.62 for Easter Seals Southern Nevada to place 81 Southern Nevadans in residents in on-the-job (OJT) training activities with furniture manufacturer Foliot Furniture.

Heather DeSart gave a brief update on the Easter Seals Southern Nevada contract extension and breakdown as shown on page 27 of the agenda. Discussion ensued.

Agenda Item 7 – Information Only: Youth Division Update – Project 5000 Kids

Sylvia Spencer provided an update on Project 5000 Kids. Commissioner Lawrence Weekly

requested that Mr. Ken LoBene share his vision for Project 5000 Kids at the next LEO meeting.

John Ball stated that a discussion will take place regarding outreach, jurisdiction and other issues.

A presentation by Mr. LoBene is tentatively scheduled on the January Board meeting agenda.

Agenda Item 8 – Information Only: Budget/Finance Update

David Jefferson provided a Budget/Finance update and overview of the Combined ARRA/Formula Budget report as shown on page 32 of the agenda. Mr. Jefferson stated that total spending for the operation budget is at 22.85%. Line 6305 Contract Services - expenses will decrease due to contract staff assigned to permanent positions.

Commissioner Lawrence Weekly requested a list of contract-to-permanent staff.

Mike Hopper, IT Department will receive support staff for approximately 3 months at \$3,000-\$4,000/month for approximately three temporary-contract staff at \$20.00/hr and 20 hours/wk. This expense will be transferred from the salary line to line 6305-Contract Services.

Mr. Jefferson provided an overview of the Contractor Expenditures for Service Providers ARRA PY08 Plan vs. Actual report, for youth and adult funds, as shown on page 33 of the agenda. Total invoiced is \$1,830,126, which is 18.7% of the total award spent. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Jefferson provided an overview of the Contract Expenditures for Service Providers WIA PY09 Plan vs. Actual report as shown on page 34 of the agenda. Mr. Jefferson stated that all the providers had previous contracts and spending is normal at approximately 40%, with the exception of HELP of Southern Nevada (19%) and Nevada Partners Inc. (23%). The agency will be working with HELP and NPI's ADW staff on how to appropriately allocate the Formula and ARRA dollars.

Agenda Item 9 – Information Only: Executive Director's Update

John Ball provided a brief update on the following items: (1) Senate Appropriations Bill on WIA: the formula grant expected to stay steady into next year. David Jefferson is working on a operational and staffing budget analysis for both formula and ARRA dollars to ensure a smooth transition from the large increase of dollars received this program year into the next program year; (2) WIA spending: Cornelius Eason is working with the ADW staff regarding new and creative ways to spend WIA dollars, specifically who and how we can help in the public sector; (3) Mr. Eason is our liaison to the offices of Senator Reid and Representative Dina Titus regarding WIA information and feedback; (4) Board Development: Brand & Value's Chair, Laurie Luongo and Vice-Chair, Ronna Timpa, are working on Board development, orientation and other issues, and will be outreaching to Board members for new ideas on this project. The agency may use contract staff to assist with this project as well. Further discussion regarding this item will take place at the February and/or March Board meetings; (5) January 28th Board Meeting: Tameca Ulmer will conduct an early poll of the Board members to establish whether we will have a quorum due to the scheduling conflict with the 2010 Preview Las Vegas Event held on the same day.

Agenda Item 10 - Public comment

Sylvia Spencer, Youth Division, *workforce*CONNECTIONS, distributed and gave an overview of the ARRA Summer Youth Summary Report; 11 service providers have been extended to provide additional services for 154 out-of-school youth through March 31, 2010; 97% of the youth were placed in work readiness and 82% of the youth completed work experience. Ms. Spencer clarified that this report is not for Governor's Reserve funds. Discussion ensued.

Agenda Item 11 – Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.