

NO QUORUM

Minutes

**Local Elected Officials Consortium
Thursday, September 15, 2011
10:00 a.m.**

*workforce***CONNECTIONS**
7251 W. Lake Mead Blvd., Ste. 200
Las Vegas, NV 89128

Members Present

Councilwoman Gerri Schroder, Chair	Commissioner Lawrence Weekly
Councilwoman Anita Wood	Commissioner George “Tommy” Rowe

Members Absent

Councilman Bob Coffin	Commissioner Dominic Pappalardo
Commissioner Andrew Borasky	Councilwoman Peggy Leavitt

Staff Present

John Ball	Ardell Galbreth	MaryAnn Avendano
Suzanne Potter	Heather DeSart	Jeannie Kuennen
Rick Villalobos	Jennifer Padilla	Cornelius Eason
Robin Hensley	Michael Simmons	Bridget Shaney
Beth Hanson	Emilio Pias	

Others Present

Matt Cecil, Legal Counsel	Michael Oh, City of Henderson
Debra Sizemore, City of Henderson	Rhonda Dunaway, City of Henderson
Laverne Kelley, DETR-WISS	Tom Wilson, Clark County
Doug Geinzer, SNMIC	

CALL TO ORDER, confirmation of posting, roll call

The meeting was called to order by Chair Councilwoman Gerri Schroder at 10:09 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 not present.

PUBLIC COMMENT #1

Douglas Geinzer, Chief Executive Officer, Southern Nevada Medical Industry Coalition (SNMIC), distributed SNMIC’s Health Care 2020 summer 2011 newsletter and provided a brief report on outcomes for PY2010 and PY2011.

INFORMATION: Budget & Finance

Ardell Galbreth provided an overview of the July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 Budget. Staff salaries were reduced by about \$55,000 due to unfilled positions from the last program year. \$250,000 was moved from Equipment and Furniture to the NVTrac line item. Item 6305 was reduced by \$145,000 which is associated with NVTrac as well. A revised budget with carry-forward dollars will be brought back to the LEO consortium and full board for approval.

Regarding the carry-forward, MaryAnn Avendano stated that staff is in the process of closing out contracts. A couple of contracts were extended due to emergency problems and staffing changes. So far, approximately \$900,000 has been recaptured for carry-forward with a few contracts left to closeout.

Ardell Galbreth provided an overview on the PY09 Audit process. The audit report indicated continued improvement and corrective actions as well; however, there were no disallowed costs. Carol Turner and MaryAnn Avendano provided an overview of the comprehensive corrective action plan which addressed every finding in the audit report. Carol Turner implemented a tracking system with a corrective action and estimated completion date connected to each finding. Staff meets monthly with the CFOs from the various jurisdictions of the LEOs to keep them updated as will also provide detailed updates on the actions taken to address the findings at the LEO Consortium meetings. Carol Turner provided an overview of the eleven findings, corrective actions, and implemented changes. Ms. Turner stated that the agency will have one more audit with the same findings before the implemented corrections will be reflected in the audit.

Mr. Galbreth stated that the Chief Financial Officer position is available. CFO's from the various jurisdictions agreed to sit on the interview panel to help staff identify the candidate most qualified to fill the position.

Ms. Avendano stated that staff is working on the implementation of the Financial Edge accounting system.

INFORMATION: Operations

Adriana Burnet provided an overview of the NVTrac Data System and demonstrated the training site. A brief discussion ensued.

Mr. Galbreth stated that Bylaws will be revised and a draft will be presented at the next meeting. Additionally, new and revised policies and procedures will be drafted and presented for approval at upcoming meetings. John Ball stated that many of the policies are outdated, particularly the personnel policy which is under review by the attorney to ensure compliance and reduce liability.

INFORMATION: Emerging Markets/Partnerships/Resource Development

Cornelius Eason provided a brief overview of the Layoff Aversion Project, Business Roundtable, Employment Edge, and Strictly Business radio show update. A new show airs at 2PM on Thursdays hosted by Heather DeSart on 9.70AM KNUU.

INFORMATION: Ready for Life Graduation Initiative

Rick Villalobos provided an overview of the Ready for Life (RFL) collaboration for increasing graduation rates. Workforce Connections, Clark County School District, and United Way have partnered to launch the RFL movement, including but not limited to: Graduation Advocate recruitment for CCSD, community communications, education re-engagement, connecting like-interested parties, and maximizing collaboration ideas.

The Youth Council will collaborate with staff and community partners tomorrow at the Molasky Center for a 4-hour meeting to initiate the RFL movement and determine actionable steps, methods of accountability, responsibility assignments, and delivery timelines.

INFORMATION: Funded Partner Contract Report

Heather DeSart provided an update on the contract negotiation process for program year 2011. Ms. DeSart stated that all but three contracts have been negotiated and all contracts will be executed and signed by September 30, 2011.

INFORMATION: PRIDE (Prisoner Re-Entry) Program Update

Ms. DeSart provided an update on the PRIDE Program. PRIDE is operating out of Casa Grande which poses a challenge in making services available to the public at large; therefore, the program will be relocated to a new facility outside of Casa Grande wherein staff is currently negotiating a lease for the new building. The goal is to serve a wider population of re-entry people as well as continue to serve the residents of Casa Grande.

Re-entry case managers, Michael Simmons and Robin Hensley, shared their experience with the Second Chance training they attended in San Diego, CA. Mr. Simmons and Ms. Hensley will use the training and knowledge to develop a curriculum for the re-entry program. Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Lawrence Weekly expressed his concern regarding the agency running an ineffective re-entry program in-house. Mr. Ball provided an outline of the events that led to the PRIDE program being run in-house, including but not limited to a faulty RFP process and Board approval to move forward with running the program in-house for the program year. Discussion ensued.

INFORMATION: Executive Director's Update

John Ball, Executive Director, reported that workforceCONNECTIONS testified at the U.S. House Committee Congressional hearing meeting to support the reauthorization of WIA and the continuation of funding. Three issues were highlighted including local flexibility, aligning economic development and workforce development at the local level; the importance of private and sector leadership on the local boards; our appreciation for the ability to work with the local workforce. The Committee liked the testimony and invited the agency to be a part of future discussions in the matter of and the language for WIA reauthorization.

Mr. Ball announced that Workforce Connections received a \$75,000 performance bonus for meeting all performance measures and referred to the performance report included in the full packet. Discussion ensued.

PUBLIC COMMENT #2

Douglas Geinzer, Chief Executive Officer, Southern Nevada Medical Industry Coalition (SNMIC), stated that SNMIC's contract has not yet been executed and was told at the ADW Committee meeting that it was due to challenges with the budget which, according to Mr. Geinzer has been modified three times. Mr. Geinzer is waiting to hear back from staff. Mr. Geinzer further stated that if the contract is not signed by September 30th, the Letter of Intent expires and he believes that Workforce Connections will take the program and try to run it in-house. Mr. Geinzer requested that the Board direct staff to negotiate the contract in good faith or extend the Letter of Intent until that can happen.

Agenda Item 12: ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.