



GOVERNOR'S WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD  
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## MEETING MINUTES

**Governor's Workforce Investment Board (GWIB)  
Health Care and Medical Services Sector Council  
Legislative/Regulation/Policy Subcommittee  
Friday, December 13, 2013  
10:30 a.m.**

*Some members of the Council may have attended the meeting and other members may have provided testimony through a simultaneous videoconference and teleconference conducted at the following locations:*

**Place of Meeting:**

Department of Employment, Training & Rehabilitation  
Stanley P. Jones Building  
2800 East St. Louis Avenue, Conference Rooms A, B& C  
Las Vegas, NV

Department of Employment, Training & Rehabilitation  
Office of Vocational Rehabilitation  
1325 Corporate Blvd  
Reno, NV

Department of Employment, Training & Rehabilitation  
500 East Third Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Auditorium  
Carson City, NV

**Subcommittee Members Present:** Vance Farrow, Larry Matheis, Joan Hall, Bill Welch.

**Subcommittee Members Absent:** Ann Lynch, Charles Perry, Bobbette Bond, Dr. John Packham, Maggie Carlton.

**DETR WSU Staff Present:** Odalys Carmona, De Salazar, Earl McDowell.

**Others Present:** Judy Turgiss (Nevada Business Development Center (DETR/CSN)), Joan Hall (GWIB Health Care and Medical Services Sector Council),

*\*Please note that all attendees may not be listed above.*

## AGENDA

- I. Welcome, Introductions and New Members.....Larry Matheis, Chair  
Legislative/Regulation/Policy Subcommittee of the GWIB Health Care and Medical Services  
Sector Council

Mr. Matheis called the meeting to order and asked for De Salazar, who is standing in for Ansara Martino, to call roll.

- II. Roll call and Establishment of a Quorum ..... Ansara Martino, Grants and Policy Analyst  
Workforce Solutions Unit, Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation (DETR)

Ms. Salazar called roll and informed the Chair that a quorum was not present.

- III. Verification of Posting..... Ansara Martino

Mr. Matheis called for Ms. Salazar to verify that the agenda for this meeting was posted according to NRS 241.020. Ms. Salazar confirmed that it was.

- IV. **First Public Comment Session** .....Larry Matheis  
Members of the public will be invited to speak before; however, no action may be taken on a matter during public comment until the matter itself has been included on an agenda as an item for possible action. Public comment may be limited to three minutes per person at the discretion of the chairperson.

When Mr. Matheis announced the First Public Comment Session, no comments were made. Hearing none, Mr. Matheis turned to agenda item V.

- V. **For Possible Action** – Approval of the June 14, 2013 Meeting Minutes .....Larry Matheis

Mr. Matheis announced that this item is tabled for the next meeting due to the lack of a quorum at today's meeting.

- VI. **For Possible Action** – Approval of the July 11, 2013 Meeting Minutes .....Larry Matheis

This item was tabled for the next meeting due to the lack of a quorum at today's meeting.

- VII. **For Possible Action** – Approval of the August 9, 2013 Meeting Minutes .....Larry Matheis

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- VIII. **For Possible Action** – Nevada Legislative Update.....Larry Matheis

Mr. Matheis informed the Subcommittee members that the Legislative Subcommittee on Healthcare is going to be looking primarily at mental health issues and is also going to take on any other health care issues associated with the Affordable Care Act. He expects that the workforce issues that they will be identifying, along with the Interim Finance Committee, will be related to the gaps in the system implementing healthcare reform. That will probably include physicians, nurses, hospitals, and from the increase of people in the Medicaid program. Strains on the primary health care may take several months to reveal themselves. Nevada has a crisis in the mental health services area and all types of mental health professionals are in shortage. This Subcommittee may want to monitor both the Legislative Subcommittee on Healthcare and the Interim Finance Committee so they consider initiatives for how to evaluate what the additional workforce need is. He pointed out to the Subcommittee that workforce shortage is also a driving force in the availability of care. He also wants to follow the implementation of the Health Insurance Exchange because he suspects that the provider networks will be very thin, which will mean an access problem for routine care or potential balance billing problems for emergency care. There may be legislative, regulatory or executive policy initiatives that this Subcommittee can address.

Vance Farrow informed the Subcommittee that he recently met with Dr. Tracy Green and Richard Whitley and one of the major cruxes of their conversation was about mental health, along with several barriers that will have to be addressed. They are taking a critical look at the barriers, but he is hopeful because a lot of funding is available for mental health, including for rural communities. Mr. Farrow named some of the types of funding available and explained how the needs for Nevada could be met. A discussion ensued amongst the Subcommittee members, and Joan Hall and Bill Welch provided informational updates about their activities in the areas that Mr. Farrow mentioned. Mr. Welch suggested that this Subcommittee invite a representative from the state of Nevada to come to one of this Subcommittee's meetings so the representative, for example from the Department of Health and Human Services could explain how the state plans to pursue the funding available for the state to apply for. Mr. Welch also suggested that Mr. Farrow put his comments in writing so that the information Mr. Farrow provided today can be easily disseminated amongst interested parties and the parties that should be involved.

Mr. Welch commented that he feels the state does not understand the I&D, 16 bed rule and psychological care unit issues in its entirety. His organization has researched the issue and will be having a meeting with the Governor's Cabinet to discuss this with them. Outpatient services, hospital emergency rooms, and lack of integrated coordinated outpatient mental health needs were discussed. He stated that Nevada is not unique in this situation, it is a problem across the country, and he wants to discuss what members of this Subcommittee agreed is a big problem for what the state can do to address outpatient services. One Subcommittee member stated the Telemedicine may be one way to address this and the discussion continued. These will have workforce development implications in Nevada's healthcare industry. Mr. Welch offered to continue to update the Subcommittee on these issues.

Subcommittee members also discussed the graduate medical education item that will be discussed at the Interim Committee on Healthcare's meeting in January 2014. The history of medical schools in the state, new schools, growth and challenges of the schools, residency opportunities, which is a workforce development issue because there has to be residency opportunities in the state otherwise those individuals will go to another state for their residency requirements and may not return to Nevada for practice. This affects retention.

**IX. For Possible Action – Final Update on the Legislative Subcommittee Policy Initiatives.....**  
 .....Larry Matheis

Behavioral health and mental health should be a category for this Subcommittee's legislative subcommittee policy initiatives, as well as issues that arise from the Affordable Care Act. Mr. Matheis also reviewed this Council's other proposed policy initiatives that have been discussed at previous meetings, which are:

- Review of Health Profession Licensing Boards
- Review of General Health Profession Scopes of Practice
- Collecting Health Workforce Data Through Licensure Practice
- Revision of Nurse Practitioner
- Promotion of Health Professional Education and training
- Coordination of Recruitment and Retention Efforts
- Sector Council Staff Support
- Health Information Technology
- Incumbent Training
- Protection of "Nurse" and "Physician" titles
- Comparison With Other States on Workforce Best Practices Benchmarks
- Promotion of RN to BSN Program
- Promotion of Telemedicine

He wants this Subcommittee to identify which ones are items of priorities. He stated that all of the policy initiatives that this Subcommittee are considering certainly have workforce development implications and the Subcommittee wants to further the conversations and action on those implications. He thanked the members for all of their discussion and stated that this will be an item again for the Subcommittee's future meeting agendas.

X. **Discussion** – Consideration of the 2014 Legislative Subcommittee Policy Initiatives List.....Larry Matheis

Mr. Matheis stated that he recommends this Subcommittee keep the proposed policy initiatives that they are already identified and see how many of them will have further initiatives and implications. He wants to see if there is anything that should be added to what this Subcommittee has also discussed, such as the mental health, behavioral health, and medical school programs. Some initiatives have their own categories, whereas other initiatives are a part of another.

XI. **Discussion** – New Business, Future Agenda Items and Future Meeting Schedule .....Larry Matheis

Future agenda items will be:

- Approval of the June 14, 2014 Meeting Minutes
- Approval of the July 11, 2014 Meeting Minutes
- Approval of the August 9, 2014 Meeting Minutes
- Update on Subcommittee Policy Initiatives and Recommendations
- Prioritization of the 2014 Legislative Subcommittee Policy Initiatives List
- Legislative Policy Initiatives Report to be completed by June 2014

The next meeting will be held on Friday, February 14, 2014 at 10:30 a.m.

X. **Second Public Comment Session** .....Larry Matheis  
Members of the public will be invited to speak before; however, no action may be taken on a matter during public comment until the matter itself has been included on an agenda as an item for possible action. Public comment may be limited to three minutes per person at the discretion of the chairperson.

Mr. Matheis announced the Second Public Comment Session. Hearing no public comments, Mr. Matheis closed the session and turned to agenda item XI.

XI. **Adjournment** .....Larry Matheis

After closing the Second Public Comment Session, Mr. Matheis adjourned the meeting.

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**Health Care and Medical Services Sector Council**  
**Legislative/Regulation/Policy Subcommittee Members**

Larry Matheis (Chair), Ann Lynch, Vance Farrow, Charles Perry, Joan Hall, Bill Welch, Bobbette Bond, John Packham, Maggie Carlton

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