



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

Wednesday, October 8, 2014

2:30 p.m.

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

Place of Meeting:

Department of Employment, Training & Rehabilitation

Stanley P. Jones Building

2800 East St. Louis Avenue, Conference Rooms A-C

Las Vegas, NV

Department of Employment, Training & Rehabilitation

Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation

1325 Corporate Blvd

Reno, NV

Department of Employment, Training & Rehabilitation

500 East Third Street, 1st Floor Auditorium

Carson City, NV

Council Members Present: Larry Matheis, Vance Farrow, Joan Hall, Bobbette Bond, Dr. John Packham, Assemblywoman Maggie Carlton

Council Members Absent: Charles Perry, Bill Welch, Ann Lynch (excused).

DETR WSU Staff Present: Earl McDowell, Ansara Martino, Coralie Peterson, De Salazar

Others Present: Steve Gibson, (WISS), Janice Routsong, (CCSD), Rachel Glen, (ACTIONN), Chuck Sheely, (ACTIONN), Dr. Marcia Turner, (NSHE), Lee Quick, (NSHE), Judy Turgiss, (Nevada Workforce Development Center), Lee Quick, (NSHE), Debra Scott (Nevada State Board of Nursing), Gwendolyn Richie (Nevada JobConnect).

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

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

The Chair of this Council, Larry Matheis, called the meeting to order at 2:36 p.m., welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending this meeting. He asked all in attendance to introduce themselves and these included: Larry Matheis, Bobbette Bond, Doug Geinzer (Las Vegas HEALS), Ansara Martino (DETR), Coralie Peterson (DETR), Earl McDowell (DETR), Assemblywoman Maggie Carlton, De Salazar (DETR), Steve Gibson (DETR/WISS), Janice Routsong (CCSD), Rachel Glenn and Chuck Sheely (ACTIONN Leaders), Marcia Turner (NSHE and Chair of the GWIB Health Care and Medical Services Sector Council), Dr. John Packham (UNSOM), Joan Hall (Nevada Health Partners), Judy Turgiss (Nevada Workforce Development Center (DETR/CSN)), Randi Hunewill (Nevada Department of Education), Laura Hale (Primary Care Office), Vance Farrow (GOED), and Lee Quick (NSHE). Following their introductions, Mr. Matheis asked Ms. Martino to call roll formally.

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

Ansara Martino called roll and informed the Chair that a quorum was present.

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

Larry Matheis asked Ansara Martino to verify that the agenda was posted according to Nevada statute. Ms. Martino verified that the agenda was posted according to NRS. 241.020.

IV. **First Public Comment Session**Larry Matheis
Members of the public will be invited to speak; 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 (3) minutes per person at the discretion of the chairperson.

Mr. Matheis announced the First Public Comment Session and invited members of the public to speak.

Rachel Glenn (ACTIONN) asked to make public comment. Mr. Matheis stated that ACTIONN had given a full presentation in the previous GWIB Health Care and Medical Services Sector Full Council meeting and asked her for any additional comments she may have. Ms. Glenn reminded the subcommittee members that they are a faith-based organization that has had several research actions regarding issues related to improving health care jobs in Nevada. Chuck Sheely, another ACTIONN Leader also present at today's meeting, commented on the criteria used in their report, which reviewed ancillary medical positions that paid a living wage. He mentioned that the three positions meeting their criteria were for: Occupational Therapy Assistant, Physical Therapy Assistant, and Respiratory Therapy Assistant, and he volunteered to answer any questions that may arise when the topic is discussed further.

Mr. Matheis mentioned that the draft of this subcommittee's memorandum regarding policy initiative recommendations included brief notes about the ACTIONN goals, and explained further that the Legislative/Regulation/Policy Subcommittee is responsible for identifying policy issues and initiatives that may affect healthcare workforce, reporting these to the full GWIB Health Care and Medical Services Sector Council and that the subcommittee is unable to advocate policies.

Hearing no further comments, Mr. Matheis moved to Item V.

V. **For Possible Action** – Approval of the May 2, 2014 Meeting Minutes.....Larry Matheis

Mr. Matheis asked for approval of the May 2, 2014 Meeting Minutes. Joan Hall made a motion to approve the minutes and the motion was seconded by Vance Farrow. All were in favor. None were opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. **For Possible Action** – Approval of the June 13, 2014 Meeting Minutes.....Larry Matheis

Mr. Matheis asked for approval of the June 13, 2014 Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Joan Hall and was seconded by Vance Farrow. All were in favor. None were opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

VII. **For Possible Action** – Las Vegas HEALS (formerly SNMIC) and Efforts to Increase Nevada’s Physician Workforce.....Doug Geinzer, Chief Executive Officer
Las Vegas HEALS

Doug Geinzer explained that Las Vegas HEALS reviewed the physician workforce pipeline, and future opportunities and challenges in Nevada through an economic development lens. He noted that having a stronger physician workforce is a top priority in the state, and has been incorporated into the Governor’s statewide regional strategic plan. Mr. Geinzer said that all could agree that each physician equates to approximately one million dollars per year in economic impact, and added that while there is a great need for health care jobs overall, the importance of the physician’s role may have been overlooked.

By way of a PowerPoint presentation, Mr. Geinzer described how the physician pipeline could be increased to provide a future health workforce, adding that Las Vegas HEALS has focused on: 1) increasing residency programs offered within the state, 2) working to take advantage of opportunities for physician recruitment during medical conferences held frequently in Las Vegas and 3) advocating legislative bills to ease and expedite licensure requirements.

When Mr. Geinzer concluded his comments, a general discussion ensued amongst council members about physician and mental health professional work force shortages, licensure challenges, and the lack of sufficient residency programs within the state. Dr. Turner thanked Mr. Geinzer for his comments and Las Vegas HEALS physician recruitment efforts; however, she explained that the sector councils’ scope is to provide industry intelligence regarding workforce development and does not involve the deployment of funds.

VIII. **For Possible Action** – Development and Prioritization of the 2014-2015 Policy Initiatives List.....Larry Matheis

- i. *GME (“Physician” Graduate Medical Education Task Force Data Update on the Expansion of Graduate Medical Residency Slots*.....Vance Farrow, Industry Specialist
Governor’s Office of Economic Development

Vance Farrow provided a brief update of the Physician GME Task Force Initiatives. He said this group included several members that represented Las Vegas HEALS, and their meetings have resulted in recommendations submitted to the Governor’s office, such as:

- Development of a group/organization to distribute GME funding
- Development of accountability measures for Nevada GME programs
- Review of DHHS long-term *creative* financing options to sustain GME programs

Mr. Farrow said upcoming efforts will be to: 1) Create the metrics for program applicants, 2) Determine the amount of funding and oversight needed, 3) Review tuition reimbursement models and creative potential partnerships that should be considered (for example, the Office of Primary Care and DHHS) to assist underserved areas of Nevada.

While discussion ensued amongst council members about various bills presented in the State Legislature pertaining to health care, Dr. Turner restated that the GWIB Health Care and Medical Services Sector Council and its Subcommittees are an advisory council and should not *endorse* any position or bill.

ii. *Discussion of ACTIONN Report to GWIB Health Care and Medical Services Sector Council at May 8, 2014 Meeting*.....Larry Matheis

Mr. Matheis stated that he noted the ACTIONN Report briefly in his draft Policy Initiative memorandum. He reminded council members their report relayed concerns about the shortages in licensed Occupational, Physical and Respiratory Therapists in the state.

He said that policy issues may arise if statutory/regulatory changes are needed by the licensing boards related to the scope of practice. He asked for feedback from the ACTIONN representatives on possible clarification they feel are needed in his Policy Initiatives draft.

Mr. Sheely asked if the correct understanding of the sector council role is to look at policies and procedures and then make an advisory recommendation to the Legislature. Mr. Matheis explained that actually the sector council is to identify what is being proposed that may require statutory or regulatory changes and *inform* the actual policy makers. Dr. Turner added that they are to be the “eyes and ears” for DETR regarding health workforce, passing along information such as the recommendations that the ACTIONN group had made and identify possible key policy issues, without advocating a position. Mr. Matheis thanked him and this faith-based organization for their perspective of the health workforce.

iii. *Discussion of Las Vegas HEALS Report on Economic Impact of Physician Recruitment and Training*.....Larry Matheis

Mr. Matheis mentioned that both the ACTIONN Report and the Las Vegas HEALS Report were reviewed to identify what statutory/regulatory changes or other policy changes are being proposed to advise the actual policy makers.

iv. *Review, Discuss, Amend Memorandum “Draft Policy Initiatives for Discussion”*.....Larry Matheis

Larry Matheis said that the subcommittee agreed to begin with 13 issues areas reported two years previously and added mental health issues and physician shortages. Under these 15 areas in his draft, he identified what had been proposed and asked for the sector council members to review the draft and send any suggestions they may have to Ansara Martino to be incorporated in a second draft, which he should have prepared for the second draft.

Council Member Bobbette Bond suggested that *Item 8 c.* which mentioned network adequacy be deleted from recruitment and retention section, and Mr. Matheis said that he would address this differently in the next draft and also suggested that *Item 15* “Promotion of Telemedicine” referencing a bill introduced in the State Legislature should be removed.

Mr. Matheis encouraged the subcommittee members to go through the draft initiatives for further suggestions for him to use in his second draft.

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

Mr. Matheis said that the next subcommittee meeting will be determined by polling the members for the most convenient date and time.

X. **Second Public Comment Session**.....Larry Matheis

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Mr. Matheis announced the Second Public Comment Session and invited members of the public to speak. Hearing no comments, Mr. Matheis moved the Item XI.

XI. AdjournmentLarry Matheis

After he concluded the Second Public Comment Session, Mr. Matheis adjourned the meeting at 4:03 p.m.

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