

**GOVERNOR'S WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD
COMMITTEE ON
EMPLOYMENT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, June 20, 2005
Video Teleconference Meeting
Maryland Parkway JobConnect, 3405 S. Maryland Parkway Conference Room
Las Vegas, NV
DETR, Auditorium 500 E. Third Street, Carson City, NV**

In Attendance:

Las Vegas:	Jean Peyton Moshe Bialac Gayle Rogers Dr. Tom Venardos	Carson:	Carol Sala Dr. Mick Coleman Cecilia Colling Bill Hamilton Donna Sanders
Absent:	Ed Guthrie Karla McComb	Guests: (Carson)	Patrick Morton DETR Research & Analysis

Guests:

(Las Vegas) Richard Blue, Board Mgr. So. NV Workforce Investment Board
Opal Valentine, Director, Workforce Development, Goodwill Industries,
Southern Nevada
De Salazar, Nevada JobConnect
Sylvia Milburn, Rehabilitation Division.

I. ROLL CALL AND CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM:

The meeting started at 1:15 PM. Roll was taken and a quorum was present.

II. VERIFICATION OF POSTING:

Donna Sanders verified that the agenda was properly and timely posted.

III. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:

Jean Peyton welcomed everyone to the meeting. The guests introduced themselves. Jean Peyton informed the committee Dr. Jane Williams had found another position in Maryland and has left the committee. She will be missed.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Moshe Bialac and seconded by Dr. Tom Venardos to approve the minutes of January 24, 2005. All were in favor. Another motion was made by Moshe Bialac and seconded by Dr. Tom Venardos to approve the minutes of April 18, 2005. All were in favor.

V. **DEVELOPMENT OF SURVEY QUESTIONS TO MEASURE SATISFACTION WITH JOBCONNECT SERVICES BY CUSTOMERS WITH DISABILITIES TO PRESENT TO GWIB FOR POSSIBLE ADOPTION OR USE IN THE JOBCONNECT CUSTOMER SATISFACTION SURVEY.**

Patrick Morton of DETR Research and Analysis discussed three questions about the proposed survey questions (see memorandum of June 20, 2005). He stated the biggest problem is having a population to survey. He said some people do not identify themselves as having a disability in the America's One-Stop Operating System (OSOS) which has a database that is used by Research and Analysis. Dr. Mick Coleman asked if there was a sense for the number of disabled served by Title I or Title III. Patrick Morton answered 1,000 or 1,200 have declared their disability.

Cecilia Colling stated Research & Analysis (R&A) could use the Rehabilitation Division database to provide R&A with a list of names to survey.

Richard Blue said the questions regarding the disabled could be done at the point of entry and the Southern NV Workforce Investment Board would be willing to pilot this in Southern Nevada, but would be willing to coordinate with Northern Nevada as well. Patrick Morton said he was not sure how the data would be sent to R&A and wanted a large enough population to obtain meaningful results.

Moshe Bialac moved and Gayle Rogers seconded to have a trial run in the Las Vegas area, coordinated by the Southern Nevada Workforce Investment Board. Dr. Tom Venardos amended the motion to add that the survey include information asking if the person surveyed had a disability or an IEP as a student in high school. All were in favor of the motion as amended.

VI. **PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ABOUT ACTIVITIES OF THE WORK EMPLOYMENT ENHANCEMENT TEAM (WEET).**

De Salazar, Nevada JobConnect, stated on October 19, 2005, there will be approximately 300 employers at Texas Station to recognize employers and their disabled employees. Nevada JobConnect is going to start having sessions to train the employers. Sylvia Milburn remarked that Texas Station sponsors the luncheon. Nevada JobConnect is also going to meet Punan Mathers of MGM regarding hiring the disabled and they would like to get BSBVI and BVR involved so people can be hired.

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VII. **PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION OF SOUTHERN NEVADA WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD/GOODWILL OF SOUTHERN NEVADA, INC. YOUTH PROGRAM:**

Opal Valentine stated the program is moving along very well. The goal is employment service to 84 youth at any point in time and about 800 total this year. Opal stated that Goodwill has 40 pending intakes. Goodwill works with IEP youth and 504 plan youth.

Opal Valentine remarked she receives calls every day regarding the Youth Program, indicated that the program helps with other support services, and all of the services are free. She stated Goodwill does competitive job placement and works with Station Casinos in placing youth in employment.

VIII. **SUGGESTED AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:**

The next GWIB committee meeting will be on Monday, August 15, 2005 at 1:00 p.m. at the Maryland JobConnect Conference and the SAO Conference Room in Carson City.

Following are suggested agenda items for the next meeting:

1. Finding custodial care for the parent of a disabled person so the parent can have full time employment.

Jim Barry of Easter Seals, Opal Valentine, of Goodwill Industries, and Jean Peyton will contact Opportunity Village and they will research this and discuss their findings. Gayle Rogers will contact the Salvation Army to obtain information. Dr. Tom Venardos will contact Mary Evilsizer of Southern Nevada Center for Independent Living to research how help can be obtained. Carol Sala will contact Washoe County regarding their Day Break Program as well as The Continuum in Reno to find out about custodial care for the disabled.

2. State Workforce Investment Board Youth Council representative Mary-Ann Brown, Executive Director of the Children's Cabinet in Reno, will be invited to speak about the work of the Youth Council.
3. A report on the survey findings from Southern Nevada Workforce Investment Board and DETR Research and Analysis regarding the disabled filling out a questionnaire for employment purposes. Richard Blue and Patrick Morton will prepare a report.

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IX. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

There were no public comments.

X. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Dr. Tom Venardos moved to adjourn and Carol Sala seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 2:26 p.m. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Sanders
Administrative Assistant III