



Coordinating Workforce Development for Northern Nevada

Nevadaworks Board Meeting

Friday, February 12, 2021

Participation was by phone/electronic device only per COVID-19 Social Distancing

Minutes

- 1. Call to Order:** Cheri Hill, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.
Roll Call: John Thurman, CEO, performed roll call with the following results:
Nevadaworks Council Members Present: Theresa Auld, Alan Darney, Cheri Hill, Angela Holt, Mark Huntley, Scott Jolcover, Kevin Landry, Nancy McCormick, Mechelle Merrill, Steve Olson, Chris Robison, Dana Ryan, Michelle Sanchez-Bickley, Chuck Sweeney, Thoran Towler
Nevadaworks Council Members Absent: Harry Mowrey
Local Elected Officials Present: Cliff Eklund, Jim French, Jeanne Herman, Richard Howe, Vida Keller, Greg Koenig, Austin Osborne, Maurice White
Local Elected Officials Absent: Art Clark, John Engels, Shayla Hudson, Curtis Schlepp, Mike Sharkozy
A quorum of both Council and the LEO's was determined present.
Guests Present: Kristine Nelson (DETR), Kara Abe (DETR), Cindy Kendall (DETR), Denise Castle (JOIN, Inc.), Birdella Goffinet (JOIN, Inc), Perry White (JOIN, Inc.), Tristan Mahan (KRA), Patrick Boxall (KRA), Adrienne Santiago (NNLC), Linda Gonzalez (NNLC), Jessica Mahon (CSA), Aubrey Nelson (CSA), Leslie Colbrese (CSA), Erik Schoen (CCI), Kallie Day (CCI), Jeff Peek (CLA)
Staff Present: Matthew Kennard, Sophie Pierpoint, Milt Stewart, John Thurman, Beth Wicks
- 2. Public Comment:** John Thurman introduced Matthew Kennard and Sophie Pierpoint as new Program Specialists at Nevadaworks.
- 3. Matters of the Board:** Cheri Hill welcomed new Nevadaworks Local Elected Officials Maurice White (Carson City), Greg Koenig (Churchill County), John Engels (Douglas County), Vida Keller (Lyon County), Curtis Schlepp (Mineral County) and Shayla Hudson (Pershing County).
- 4. Board Member Introductions:** Board Members stated their name and the organization or county that they represent.
- 5. Board Meeting Minutes from October 9, 2020:** *Motion to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2020 meeting was made by Nancy McCormick and seconded by Jim French. The motion was unanimously approved.*
- 6. Executive Committee Meeting Report December 4, 2020:** Cheri Hill stated that the Committee approved the revised budget that included an increase for the National Dislocated Worker Employment Recovery Contract with the State of Nevada.
- 7. Audit Workgroup Meeting Report November 13, 2020:** Beth Wicks, Finance Manager, stated that the Workgroup met and discussed the Nevadaworks Financial Statements and Audit Reports for year ending June 30, 2020. The Workgroup recommends that the Board approve the Financial Statements and Audit Report.
- 8. Program Year 2019 Audit Presentation:** Jeff Peek, Principal, CLA, gave a presentation on the Audit process and the reports that the CLA audit group prepared. *Motion to approve the Nevadaworks Audit for year ending June 30, 2020 as presented was made by Nancy McCormick and seconded by Jim French. The motion was unanimously approved.*
- 9. Program Year 2020 Budget:** Agenda item #9 was pulled from the agenda.

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10. **Policy Committee Meeting Report January 26, 2021. Needs Related Payment Policy:** Mark Huntley stated that the Committee had met and discussed the Needs Related Payment Policy. The Committee recommends that the Board approve the Needs Related Payment Policy as presented. *Motion was made to approve the Needs Related Policy as presented by Angela Holt and seconded by Jeanne Herman. The motion was unanimously approved.*
11. **DETR Research and Analysis Update:** Christopher Robison, Supervising Economist, Research and Analysis Bureau at the State of Nevada, gave a presentation on the current status of the economy in Northern Nevada and provided additional resources.
12. **H-1B Rural Healthcare Grant:** John Thurman announced that the State of Nevada, OWINN office has been awarded \$2,500,000 for a 4-year Rural Healthcare Grant to serve at least 100 participants. Nevadaworks is currently waiting on a contract with OWINN to implement the grant.
13. **Performance Report:** Milt Stewart, Program Manager, gave a presentation that showed Nevadaworks is currently meeting or exceeding the US Department of Labor Performance Measures for the last 4 quarters.
14. **CEO Report:** John Thurman stated that the National Dislocated Worker grants are now up and running, currently serving 63 participants, Skillup Northern Nevada is continuing to see an increase in participants using the software, the video for the Skillup Northern Nevada is set to start running on PBS Reno, the ACT Work Ready Communities is moving forward in Northern Nevada and the Relaunching American's Workforce Act is making its way through Congress.
15. **Workforce Discussion: How is the Nevada's 2020 State Climate Strategy going to affect industry/jobs in your community?** Cheri Hill lead discussion on Nevada's Climate Strategy. Some of the comments included businesses and participants are busy handling the current changes in the economy and cannot look too far in the future, concerns for wildlife that will be disturbed with windmills and solar panels and concern for an increase in unemployment as green industries do not require the same number of employees as other industries.
16. **Public Comment:** Nancy McCormick stated that Workforce Connections has an exclusive Employer One-Stop that is serving many businesses. She would like to see this program implemented in Northern Nevada. Cliff Ekund stated that Elko County now has a National Guard Youth Challenge organization which is a great asset to the county.
17. **Next Meeting:** Friday, June 11, 2021, the location to be determined.
18. **Adjournment:** Cheri Hill adjourned the meeting at 11:50 am.

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