



Coordinating Workforce Development for Northern Nevada

Nevadaworks Board Meeting

Friday, June 11, 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 9:01 am.
Roll Call: John Thurman, CEO, performed roll call with the following results:
Nevadaworks Council Members Present: Theresa Auld, 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
Nevadaworks Council Members Absent: Alan Darney, Harry Mowrey, Thoran Towler
Local Elected Officials Present: Jim French, Jeanne Herman, Vida Keller, Greg Koenig, Heidi Lusby-Angvick, Austin Osborne, Curtis Schlepp, Maurice White
Local Elected Officials Absent: Art Clark, Cliff Eklund, John Engels, Richard Howe, Mike Sharkozy
A quorum of both Council and the LEO's was determined present.
Guests Present: Karlene Johnson (DETR), Kara Abe (DETR), Cindy Kendall (DETR), Lynda Parven (DETR), Janiese Clyne (DETR), Denise Castle (JOIN, Inc.), Birdella Goffinet (JOIN, Inc.), Perry White (JOIN, Inc.), Robin Walsh (KRA), Shawna Wright (KRA), Teryn Wilson (KRA), Sharon Williams (NNEJATC), Adrienne Santiago (NNLC), Jessica Mahon (CSA), Aubrey Nelson (CSA), Leslie Colbrese (CSA), Erik Schoen (CCI), Kallie Day (CCI), Chakib Chehadi (C2 Global), Susan Larson (Adams & Assoc.), Rodney Butler (Adams & Assoc.), Rich Iori (Adams & Assoc.), Ross Peterson (Adams & Assoc.), Ken Pierson (DETR), Cheryl Olson (NSHE), Ann Silver (Chamber of Commerce Reno + Sparks), Heather Englebrecht (Grant Assoc.), Doug Cotter (Grant Assoc.), Terra Hamblin-Fischer (UNR), Sharyn Juarez (NHA), Andrea Gregg (AHEC)
Staff Present: Matthew Kennard, Milt Stewart, John Thurman, Beth Wicks
2. **Public Comment:** None
3. **Matters of the Board:** Jim French, LEO Chair, recognized John Thurman for a job well done as CEO. John has been at Nevadaworks since 2006 and is retiring on July 30, 2021. Jim introduced Milt Stewart as the new CEO to replace John. Milt was chosen after an extensive search and interview process.
4. **Board Member Introductions:** Board Members stated their name during roll call.
5. **Board Meeting Minutes from February 12, 2021:** *Motion to approve the February 12, 2021, Board Meeting Minutes was made by Nancy McCormick and seconded by Jim French. The motion was unanimously approved.*
6. **Executive Committee Meeting Report May 20, 2021:** Cheri Hill stated that the Committee approved the revised PY 20 Budget that included an increase for the HI-B Rural Healthcare contract with the State of Nevada. There was also a transfer for Ridge House between Adult and Dislocated Worker funding that did not change the total funding.
7. **One-Stop Operator Request for Proposal:** Ken Pierson, RFP Review Group Representative, stated that representatives from the required agencies were all represented on the Review Group. After the 5 proposals were read and scored by each Review Group member then a priority list was compiled based on the scores. That list is presented today. *Motion to authorize Nevadaworks staff, on behalf of the Board, to negotiate and sign a contract for the One-Stop Operator in accordance with the priority list provided today, June 11, 2021, and*

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within funding limitation was made by Scott Jolcover and seconded by Austin Osborne. The motion was unanimously approved.

- 8. Audit Workgroup Meeting Report May 11, 2021:** Beth Wicks reported that the Audit Workgroup added two new members, Scott Jolcover and Kevin Landry. The Workgroup reviewed the Audit contract with CLA for the next fiscal year, the DETR Financial Monitoring Report, Fraud forms, Fund Balance Policy, Budget reporting format, the Charter, Accounts Receivable and Depreciation reporting.
- 9. Election of Nevadaworks' Board Chair and Chair Elect:** After some discussion, the following motions were made. *Motion to elect Cheri Hill as Nevadaworks Board Chair for the next program year was made by Chuck Sweeney and seconded by Scott Jolcover. The motion was unanimously approved. Motion to elect Kevin Landry as Nevadaworks Board Chair Elect was made by Chuck Sweeney and seconded by Scott Jolcover. The motion was unanimously approved.*
- 10. Program Year 2021 Budget:** Agenda item # 10 was pulled from the agenda.
- 11. In-School Youth Programs Discussion:** John Thurman lead a discussion on funding In-School Youth Programs. The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act states that not more than 25% of Youth funding can be expended on In-School eligible youth. The State of Nevada has applied for a waiver to allow a higher percentage. After some discussion it was decided to have the Nevadaworks Youth Council research this topic further and report back to the Board at the October 8, 2021, Board meeting.
- 12. DETR Research and Analysis Update:** Christopher Robison, Supervising Economist, Research and Analysis Bureau at the State of Nevada, gave a presentation on the status of the economy in Northern Nevada and provided additional resources.
- 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 reported on the usage of the Skillup Northern Nevada Program with some statistics that showed the Program is very successful. Soft Skill classes are shown to be the most popular. John also reported that the Work Ready Communities Program is growing in Northern Nevada.
- 15. Workforce Discussion: Should Service Providers be required to provide Soft Skills Training or should Nevadaworks invest in virtual or augmented reality training platforms?** Cheri Hill led discussion on the topics of Soft Skills Training and Reality Training Platforms. Some of the comments included Nevadaworks contractors, Vocational Rehabilitation, Job Corps, Washoe County School District, and others are currently already providing soft skill trainings although additional soft skill trainings are still needed. John Thurman stated that the State of Nevada may be purchasing virtual or augmented reality training platforms and there may be an opportunity to have Nevadaworks partner with the State on this program.
- 16. Public Comment:** Ann Silver, Chief Executive Officer, Chamber of Commerce Reno + Sparks, stated that she would be submitting an appeal on the One-Stop Operator Request for Proposal results. Denise Castle, Executive Director, JOIN, Inc. stated that she would have liked to have had the opportunity to comment on the RFP process. Andrienne Santiago, Executive Director, Northern Nevada Literacy Council, would have also liked to have the opportunity to comment on the RFP process.
- 17. Next Meeting:** Friday, October 8, 2021, the location to be determined.
- 18. Adjournment:** Cheri Hill adjourned the meeting at 11:23 am.

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