

MINUTES
NEVADA HEALTH CARE SECTOR COUNCIL BOARD MEETING

October 6, 2011

*workforce***CONNECTIONS**

Conference Room – Suite 200

7251 W. Lake Mead Blvd.

Las Vegas, NV 89128

Members Present:

Bobbette Bond
Maggie Carlton
Steven Lebedoff
Ann Lynch
Charles Perry
Debra Scott
Marcia Turner
Nayra Uriate
Hyla Winters
Carolyn Yucha
Linda Johnson

Staff Present:

Holly Balmer
Kim Colagioia
Debra Collins
Veronica Dahir
Cornelius Eason
Odalys Carmona
Linda Yi
Derrick Berrl
Sheri Lindloff

Others Present:

Deborah Howell
Patricia Castro
Tommy Albert
Sharon Morales
Ruth Politi
Theresa Kaufman
Will Schorgl

Members Present-Teleconference:

Joan Hall
Randi Huniwill
Larry Matheis
Deborah Moore-Jaquith
Lynn O'Mara
Debra Toney
Laura Hale

Members Absent:

June Coleman
Margaret Covelli
Mary-Ann Brown
Bill Welch
Janice Muhammad
Al Martinez
Maureen Peckman
Larry Sands
Leroy Walker

Funded Providers Present:

Douglas Geinzer- SNMIC
Jake McClelland FIT
Nick Mazzeo –CCSD
Rene Cantu –LCCCF
Tracey Torrence- SNRHA
Janice Rael – NV Partners

*It should be note that all attendees may not be listed above.

Agenda Item #1

The meeting was called to order by the chair, Dr. Marcia Turner at 09:35 am. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

Agenda Item #2

The chair verified that the meeting had been posted according to NRS 241.020.

Agenda Item #3

Marcia Turner welcomed members of the Nevada Health Care Sector Council. Dr. Turner thanked the group for welcoming her as the new chair and stated that she was impressed with the work of the Sector Council to date and looked forward to working with the Board.

Agenda Item #4

The agenda was approved with the addition of a fifteen minute break at 11:00 am.

Agenda Item #5

Marcia Turner asked for public comment at this juncture of the meeting. There was no public comment.

Agenda Item #6

It was moved, seconded and the motion carried to accept the minutes of the September 1, 2011 meeting as presented.

Agenda Item #7

Cornelius Eason, Director of Regional Strategies gave an update on the meetings held with Congressional staff following the last meeting. Mr. Eason stated that meetings had been held with Congresswoman Berkley's staff and Congressman Dr. Joe Heck. They were briefed on the activities of the Sector Council. Both legislators will continue to be on the lookout for funding opportunities. The Board was reminded that Joe Heck is a physician actively involved in health care and is serving on the Economic Diversification Committee. Dr. Heck was duly impressed with the cohesiveness of the Sector Council and that there is state wide representation. He directed his staff to be available and to seek out potential opportunities for the Sector Council.

Agenda Item #8

William Anderson, Chief Economist DETR provided the Board with an Economic Update. Mr. Anderson's presentation included a review of the Key U.S. and Nevada Economic Indicators including visitor volume growth, gold prices, Nevada personal income growth, residential construction activity, home re-sales, closings and the mortgage foreclosure rate. Mr. Anderson also discussed the unemployment rate in Nevada vs. the United States. Statistics included the unemployment rate by county as well as the unemployment duration.

A review of job growth by industry including Healthcare/Social Assistance was also presented. The healthcare sector has held up reasonably well during the downturn. Since 2001 the percentage of total jobs is up 5.8% in healthcare job are up 46.5%. During the 2001-2006 period, separation exceeded new hires by about 520 per quarter in the NV Healthcare and Social Assistance positions. That figure increased to 1,150 per quarter during the 2007-2010 periods.

Mr. Anderson also provided a look at the total number of unemployment insurance claims vs. the total number of people unemployed in Nevada and the amount of money the state has had to borrow from the United States Unemployment Trust Fund.

The final aspect of the report addressed Nevada's unemployment rate forecast and employment growth forecast.

Mr. Anderson will return to provide an update on the formal study that focuses strictly on the Health Care Sector in February.

Agenda Item # 9

Dr. Veronica Dahir, Senior Manager, Survey Services at the University of Nevada Reno reviewed the final HRSA Planning Grant Report that was submitted to HRSA on September 23, 2011. This report was a compilation of the work on the six benchmarks undertaken by the Nevada Health Care Sector Council over the course of the last year. Dr. Dahir thanked everyone for their role in the compilation of the report.

Dr. Dahir reported that she wanted to focus on the specifics in the report. One portion of the report asked, "How do you plan to use the resources identified?" This question was answered on pages 64-65 of the final report and she recommended that the future plans of the Sector Council reflect the items in the report. Dr. Dahir proposed that the Sector Council establish a priority list based on the report. The question remains on how to identify priority areas. The no cost extension year serves as an opportunity to work toward outcomes and evidence-based outcomes during this year that will allow the Sector Council to apply for implementation funds during the next fiscal year.

Three majority priorities were identified by Dr. Dahir:

- (1) Improve health outcomes of Nevadans
- (2) Increase workforce economic development
- (3) Increase education and training of the work force.

Dr. Dahir suggested that a needs assessment of Nevada's health including Nevada's demographics and migratory patterns needs to be undertaken and/or updated. Dr. Dahir listed

people that could help with this portion of the assessment. She feels this would give us a good picture of the types of jobs we need to train for improved health outcomes.

Identification of medically underserved areas in primary care, oral health, mental health, HIT and nursing five areas should be focal points. Identification of health care delivery methods including telemedicine will assist in expanding the scope of care in Nevada.

It was recommended that membership gaps in the committee be identified with the possible inclusion of an advisory primary care physician, oral health professional, dental health, mental health and a representative of a private career colleges with University of Phoenix or Touro University specifically mentioned.

It was recommended that working groups be formed allowing the entire Board to meet less often and then reporting at the Sector Council meetings perhaps every quarter. It was recommended that the working groups focus on the top three recommendations of the Sector Council, that a vision and mission statement for each group is established with outcome oriented objectives outlined and a clear focus timeline be established

Outcomes that specifically address the grant benchmarks must be considered as part of the no-cost extension requested by the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation. We need to look at “low hanging fruit” and see what we are able to accomplish prior to the release of implementation grant funds.

Charles Perry pointed out that the Sector Council is a statutorily appointed body and questioned who is going to carry out the tasks. Resources required to carry out the work of the Sector must be established and support is needed in laying out a plan or process. Time is at a premium for all and the plan should be reviewed prior to final adoption.

Carolyn Yucca stated that she felt the list was overwhelming. Dr. Yucca recommended that the Sector Council attempt to do several things well considering the limited resources rather than undertaking large initiatives.

Action steps need to be taken to demonstrate improvement in some areas. The question was asked of whether “we want to continue with ad hoc committee or establish new work groups.”

Bobbette Bond had two comments. She felt that a needs assessment was not necessary and that data from the Nevada Academy of Health (2 years old) could be obtained from the state and used as a baseline.

Hyla Winters reminded the group that based on reading the implementation grant requirements the intent is focus on development of the healthcare workforce and we must put that into the context of priority areas. We must look at the priority list as not just labor shortage but at the healthcare workforce needs for the ten years.

Marcia recommended that an agenda item be added to the next meeting regarding structure of the Council, including membership, meeting schedule, by-laws etc. Attention must also be paid to jobs and new industries, including what administrative and legislative pieces need to occur for these industries to succeed.

Marcia felt that each of the things listed on page 68 of the final grant report fit loosely into one of the six benchmarks. It was suggested that each member identify areas they are interested in and then collectively decide on how to harvest some of the low hanging fruit. We were also reminded that one year from now we must be planning for the next legislative session. Marcia also felt that we need to concentrate on what we can do well and there may not be a need for additional data.

It was suggested that members of the Sector Council chair the working group and then identify a handful of priorities for the group prior to formation. At the November meeting we must determine focus, who is interested in what, how do we staff and notice the committee. How often should the full Council meet?

The Board members will read the RFP implementation grant requirements prior to the next meeting and look at how to expand the scope of care to the Nevada population by looking at the priority areas of the grant. An attempt will be made to obtain a copy of Virginia's final report to look at the pilot projects they undertook during the past year. A lively discussion of Student Max ensued. Debra Scott stated that the Nevada State Board of Nursing will buy the software and Carolyn Yucca (UNLV) offered an administrative assistant's time (20%) to assist in the clinical rotation program.

Agenda Item #10

Debra Collins, Project Director –*workforce* **CONNECTIONS** provided an overview of the agency and how it interacts with the Sector Council. Ms. Collins also provided the Board with an update on the activities of the six Funded Partners currently receiving funds from Workforce Connections.

Agenda Item #11

Kimberly Colagioia, Program Specialist gave a report on the progress of the RFI (Request for Interest) on the Youth Health Care Consortium. Members have been selected. The results will be made public at the Workforce Investment Board meeting.

Agenda Item #12

Debra Scott, Executive Director of the Nevada State Board of Nursing and vice-chair of the Nevada Health Care Sector Council provided the Sector Council with an overview of the Nevada Alliance for Nursing Excellence (NANE). Debra discussed their mission, membership and how they hope to contribute to the Future of Nursing Campaign. This information was well received by the Board as the goal is to resubmit an application to the Robert Wood Johnson and AARP Foundation's to establish a Nevada Regional Action Coalition with NANE and the Nevada Health Care Sector Council.

Agenda Item #13

Venus Fajota was unable to attend the meeting. In her absence Debra Collins discussed a grant solicited from HHS for a rural Health Network Development Planning Grant Program. The application is due on October 31, 2011.

Agenda Item #14

Earl McDowell, Deputy Administrator, Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation was unable to attend the meeting. Odalys Carmona, Project Specialist III, Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation (DETR) provided an update to the Board. Frank Woodbeck has been appointed as the new Director of DETR. The Green Council is moving forward. The Health Care Sector Council is the model for the other Sector Councils. The Leisure, Hospitality and Trades Council is looking for members. There are opportunities for mining and manufacturing members for Southern Nevadans on that Council.

Agenda Item #15

The next meeting will be held on November 3, 2011 at the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation.

Agenda Item #16

The Chair asked for public comment at this juncture of the meeting. Lynn O'Mara stated that all members of the Board should receive a copy of the agenda at the same time that it is posted. It was also recommended that all supporting documents for the meeting be distributed a minimum of 48 hours prior to the meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:17 pm.

