

**MINUTES**  
**NEVADA HEALTH CARE SECTOR COUNCIL BOARD MEETING**

**September 1, 2011**

*workforce*CONNECTIONS  
Conference Room—Suite 200  
7251 W. Lake Mead Blvd.  
Las Vegas, NV 89128

**Members Present:**

Bobbette Bond  
Maggie Carlton  
Ann Lynch  
Larry Matheis  
Daniel Mathis for Charles Perry  
Lawrence Sands  
Hyla Winters  
Nayra Uriate  
Deborah Moore-Jaquith  
Debra Scott  
Debra Toney  
Marcia Turner  
Randi Hunewill  
Linda Johnson  
Steve Lebedoff  
Carolyn Yucha

**Staff Present:**

Holly Balmer  
Kim Colagioia  
Debra Collins  
Veronica Dahir  
Cornelius Eason  
Earl McDowell  
Linda Yi

**Others Present:**

Patricia Castro  
Deborah Howell  
Ron Thomas  
Cindy Jones  
Will S  
Odalys Carmona  
Shweta Bhatnager

**Members Present-Teleconference**

Steven Knauss for Al Martinez  
Janice Muhammad  
Lynn O'Mara  
Maureen Peckman  
LeRoy Walker  
Laura Hale  
Marissa Brown for Bill Welch  
Joan Hall

**Members Absent:**

Margaret Covelli  
June Coleman  
Mary-Ann Brown

**Funded Providers Present**

Douglas Geinzer - SNMIC  
Jake McClelland - FIT  
Nick Mazzeo -CCSD  
Janice Rael – NV Partners

**Funded Providers Absent**

Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority  
Latin Chamber of Commerce

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

**Agenda Item #1**

The meeting was called to order by vice- chair, Debra Scott at 09:38 am.

**Agenda Item #2**

Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

**Agenda Item #3**

It was noted that the meeting had been posted according to NRS 241.020.

**Agenda Item #4**

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

**Agenda Item #5**

Debra Scott 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 June 2, 2011 meeting as presented.

**Agenda Item #7**

Nayra Uriate and Marcia Turner were introduced and welcomed as new members of the Nevada Health Care Sector Council. Both presented a brief biographical sketch. Nayra is a health sciences student at UNLV and Dr. Marcia Turner is the Vice-Chancellor of Operations and COO of the Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE). Both new members indicated that they were honored to serve on the Board.

Linda Yi discussed that nominations for a male health sciences student living in either rural or northern Nevada are being sought for the Sector Council. Nominations should be forwarded to Linda or Debra.

Four of the six *workforce*CONNECTIONS health care Funded Providers, Southern Nevada Medical Coalition (SNMIC), Clark County School District (CCSD), Nevada Partners and the Foundation for an Independent Tomorrow (FIT), introduced themselves, their agencies and their plans for FY12. Each Funded Partner will report their progress to the Board at the monthly meetings.

Two of the Funded Providers, the Latin Chamber of Commerce Community Foundation and the Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority did not attend the meeting.

**Agenda Item #8 – Chair Announcements**

Debra Scott announced the resignation of Dr. Maurizio Trevisan as chair of the Nevada Health Care Sector Council and referred the board members to his attached letter of resignation. Dr. Trevisan has accepted a position as the Dean and Medical Professor, School of Biomedical Education at The City College of New York.

Dr. Trevisan joined the meeting via Skype. He was presented with a plaque honoring him for his outstanding leadership of the Board and was wished god speed by his fellow board members.

### *Health Care Heroes in Our Midst*

The Nevada Business Magazine recently recognized Nevada's Health Care Heroes. Douglas Geinzer of the Southern Nevada Medical Industry Coalition (SNMIC) received the Innovator Award and Larry Matheis received the Lifetime Achievement Award. Both men were thanked and congratulated by the Board for their work in health care.

### *Elected*

Debra Scott, Executive Director of the Nevada State Board of Nursing was recently elected as the Area I Board of Director of the National Council of the State Boards of Nursing. It is an honor to have one of the HealthCare Sector Council members elected to this prestigious board.

### *Implementation Grant Funds*

Debra Collins formally announced that the budget of the Federal Government did not include Implementation Grant Funds for FY12. However, a budget for a 12 month no-cost extension has been submitted to HRSA beginning October 1, 2011. This will allow the Board to continue to meet monthly during FY12. Linda Yi, Project Director will go to part-time beginning October 1, 2011.

### **Agenda Item #9**

Nominations were entertained for the election of a new chair for the Nevada Health Care Sector Council. Earl McDowell explained the responsibilities of the chair of the Nevada Health Care Sector Council. Charles Perry nominated Dr. Marcia Turner as chair. Dr. Turner accepted the nomination. Larry Matheis spoke in support of Dr. Turner based on her responsibilities at NSHE and her previous experience. The motion was seconded and carried by acclamation. Dr. Turner will begin her responsibilities as chair at the October 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **Agenda Item #10**

Cornelius Eason, the Director of Regional Strategies at Workforce Connections provided a briefing on the legislative meetings held to receive advice and counsel about prospective funding sources. Meetings have been held with Senator Reid and Heller's staffs as well as a meeting with Presidential Appointee Herb Schlutz, Region IX HHS Director who has agreed to provide insight on project resources. Members of the Council are scheduled to meet with Congressman Heck on September 28, 2011.

### **Agenda Item #11**

Dr. Debra Toney presented Council members with teal ribbons representing the fight against ovarian cancer. Dr. Toney then led a discussion on the Institute of Medicine's Future of Nursing: Campaign for Action. Dr. Toney discussed the eight recommendations of the report and the transformation of healthcare throughout implementation of the recommendations. It was noted that the Nevada Health Sector Council and the Nevada Alliance for Nursing Excellence had submitted an application to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to establish an Action Coalition in Nevada in order to begin working on the eight recommendations. The application was not accepted but will be re-written and submitted during Wave IV. In the interim the two organizations will establish working committees to establish short and long term goals. The ultimate goal is that all Americans have access to quality health care and that nursing play a leading role in leading that change in America.

### **Agenda Item #12**

Laura Hale, Manager of the Nevada State Primary Care Office gave an update on the progress of the PCO Recruitment and Retention sub-committee work. The objectives include:

- Implement a strategic, coherent primary care recruitment and retention cycle in Nevada
- Implement an effective promotion campaign for loan repayment programs.
- Build the capacity of faculty and collaborating physicians in Nevada to promote primary care
- Advocate and support efforts to address challenges for nurses in Nevada
- Raise public awareness in Nevada for physician extenders including Physician Assistants (PA)

The plan is available in the draft stage. Laura is willing to send a copy of the draft to those members interested in receiving it.

### **Agenda Item #13**

The HRSA no-cost extension was discussed as part of agenda item #8.

### **Agenda Item #14**

A discussion of the final report for the HRSA planning grant was conducted by Dr. Veronica Dahir. Dr. Dahir requested input from the Council to clarify responses to several questions that she identified while compiling the final report. The report is due in Washington, DC on Friday, September 23, 2011 and represents a compilation of the work on the six benchmarks by the Board during the past nine months. The final report will be printed, bound and distributed to members of the Board at the next meeting.

### **Agenda Item #15**

Steven Lebedoff, Executive Officer of PPN Health Access, gave a presentation on Population Health-Emerging Opportunities for Economic Growth. This discussion included emerging strategies and solutions to address health care sustainability over the next decade and beyond. Steve also provided the Board with a brief biographical sketch as well as his plans to bring a representative of Microsoft to the next meeting.

### **Agenda Item #16**

Kim Colagioia of Workforce Connections gave a brief overview of the Request for Interest (RFI) to establish Youth Green Economy and Health Care Consortiums. Kim explained the difference between a RFI and a RFP (Request for Proposals) to the Board. At this juncture Workforce Connections wants to determine what resources agencies can bring to the table to establish the consortiums. The RFI has already been distributed and membership decisions will be made in mid-October.

### **Agenda Item #17**

Cindy Jones, Administrator for the Employment Security Division of the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation (DETR) represented Dennis Perea, Interim Director of (DETR) at the meeting. Ms. Jones thanked the Board for their participation and assured the group that the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation will provide whatever support the Board deems necessary for the work of the Nevada Health Care Sector Council to succeed.

**Agenda Item #18**

Linda Yi distributed new identification desk plates to each of the Board members at the beginning of the meeting. She also reminded them that as the web site is developed Board member pictures will be taken, and interviews will be conducted for the website. Michigan has a program entitled, “Every Nurse had a dream or a story” that we may consider utilizing to recruit young men and women into health care occupations.

**Agenda Item #19**

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 6, 2011 at Workforce Connections. The Board will also meet on Thursday, November 3, 2011. The Nevada Health Care Sector Council will not meet during the month of December.

**Agenda Item #20**

Debra Scott asked for public comment at this juncture of the meeting.

- Douglas Geinzer announced that a white paper authored by Dr. A. Schlottman, a UNLV professor, entitled: “Linking Higher Education and Workforce Development” has just been published.
- Linda Johnson asked that going forward that the Nevada Health Care Sector Council keep in mind that cultural diversity in the health care industry must be addressed..
- Steve Lebedoff asked if exit interviews are being conducted when primary care providers leave the state. It is important to understand why we are not able to retain our providers.

**Agenda Item #21**

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 12:30pm.