



HIRE

**Helping Incorporate
Reliable Employees**

**People With Abilities
Goodwill**

February 17, 2009

Minutes

Members Present: Peter Flores (VAC), Sandra Meeks (Goodwill), Gary Cotta (Goodwill), Aaron Markovits (KRC), Paula Johnson (BARC), Kellie Tyndall (PathPoint), Susan Wells (Taft College), Carol Bowman (KCMH), Norris Ledbetter (ILC).

Introductions and Welcome

Aaron brought the meeting to order. Self introductions were made.

- I. PathPoint Job Club – It was announced that the next job club would be held Wednesday February 18th @3:30 at 4701 Stockdale Hwy.
- II. Kern County Job Placement Circle – It was announced that the Job Placement Circle has been postponed to April 29th. It will be held at the Commonwealth Building, 3300 Truxtun Ave., East Training Room.
- III. Leadership Training – Carol reported that invitation letters for the kick-off breakfast to be held at Hodels are forthcoming. At that breakfast employers will receive information about the value of hiring people with disabilities, cost savings through the use of tax credits and a free three day training for their supervisory staff.
- IV. Mayor's Luncheon – Aaron reported that the next Mayor's luncheon is scheduled for May 4th. He is looking for members to assist. Paula Johnson will be the lead person. Susan Wells offered to assist. It was noted that Denise Crawford with Bakersfield College and Debbie Plant with DOR had offered to help. Paula will set a coordinating committee meeting and will email the members with tentative dates. Aaron suggests that we use the luncheon to honor and highlight the employers who participate in the JPC as well as other employers the committee recommend.
- V. Strategic Planning Session – The committee reviewed the draft of the Strategic Planning meeting. Some of the items that were brought up were: What is/will be the committee composition; a need to find people with marketing experience to be part of the committee; the need to incorporate employer recruitment needs; discussion on the vision, mission and purpose working; discussion on expanding to the outlying communities – we currently have members who represent Arvin and Taft. It was agreed that the committee would review the draft in more depth individually, provide comments to Aaron by Friday February 27th and be prepared to return next meeting to further discuss. It was the consensus of the group that we need to move forward with the document.
- VI. Next Meeting – Scheduled for March 13, 2009 @ 10:30 a.m. @ BARC, 2240 S. Union Ave.

Respectfully submitted:

Carol Bowman