



January 29, 2008

10:30 am

H.I.R.E. (Helping Incorporate Reliable Employees)
Committee Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Paula Johnson, Jerry Pounds, Curtis Jenkins, Jeff Wood, Stacy Peyton, Michelle Espinosa, Kathy Winans, Elaine Basham, Richard Larsen, Aaron Markovits

Thanks to Curtis at CSC for hosting the meeting on short notice.

Contact List was distributed.

Upcoming Activities

a. a. Job Placement Circle This event will be held on 2/20/08 to promote employment opportunities for people with disabilities. This event is for job ready clients only (see attached for description of job readiness). We anticipate there to be 8 employers present who will be matched with job seekers who are appropriate to apply for currently open positions. Currently we have confirmed three employers who will be present: Valley HQ, Big Lots, and Vons. It will be held at the Career Services Center on Stockdale. If you have clients who are job ready and you think should be invited to the event, contact Debbie Plant at DoR. A "dry run" will be held on 2/13/08 at 9am at CSC Stockdale. All clients invited to participate in the event to practice what is expected of them for the JPC on 2/20/08.

b. Luncheon Date is confirmed for April 30th. Discussed possible ideas for industries to invite to this luncheon. Aaron suggested possibility of invited local media companies, Curtis suggested inviting local government. Aaron will mention these ideas

to Mayor Hall. Aaron is also taking suggestions for luncheon location ideas that are centrally located and can handle an audience of 50.

c. CHIIP/WID Training on Healthcare and Benefits. The date is tentatively set for April 16 & 17 2008. Two day format will be more comprehensive than in the past and use actual examples of how people with disabilities are effected by wages and benefits planning.

d. CHIIP "Talent Knows No Limits" public awareness campaign. See attached for planned media buys for our area. CHIIP will be invited to present an update on the campaign to the HIRE committee.

e. NDEAM Events for October 2008

Discussed Employer Recruitment. Planning is being assembled now. If you would like to serve contact Aaron. Aaron will discuss with Curtis and Denise when to begin planning for this year's event. It will not be at CSC Stockdale as CSC Stockdale is re-locating so we will need to find a new location. It may be had the CSC on Belle Terrace. Nice facility that is newer than Stockdale.

Other events planned for October are a luncheon after the Employer Recruitment and participating in other events planned in the community that fit the mission of the HIRE Committee.

f. We are still gathering and posting success stories on our website. If you have a success story (someone who was hired through activities of the HIRE Committee, please ask them if we can share their story on the internet with a picture and a summary. Aaron has a release they can sign.

If you would like your organization to be have a link on the HIRE Committee website and are willing to have a link on your website to the HIRE Committee contact Aaron.

Announcements/Other

Flyers are available for the Job Club hosted at Work Training program that is open to the community. It is held the first Tuesday of every month at 5:30pm.

Flyers were distributed for Benefits and Employment 2008 Workshops presented by Michael Walling. He will be in California in a variety of locations in February. See website for more information www.wallinginc.com/workshops

Next meeting will be February 14th, 2008 at 10:30am at Work Training Program 4701 Stockdale Highway. The cross street is Montclair (just down the street from the Career Services Center).