



**HIRE Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, November 19, 2008**

**Members in attendance:** *Carol Bowman, Patti Brokken, Gary Cotta, Denise Crawford, Rudy Gutierrez, Paula Johnson, Aaron Markovits, Sandy Meeks, John Noriega, Stacy Peyton, Jerry Pounds, Kristy Rapley, Kellie Tyndall, Susan Wells, Kathy Wynans. Marlene Heise, Claudia Ponder, Debbie Shaw*

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Claudia Ponder and Debbie from Ponder Idea Works presented informational and marketing materials for the Mayor's Luncheon and Job Fair (both held in October) and the Job Clubs. Advertisements and billboards feature local employees.

Debbie showed the additions that have been made on the HIRE website, [www.hire-us.net](http://www.hire-us.net).

**Calendar:** a new calendar will be featured on the website for HIRE activities. All additions to the calendar schedule need to be sent to Aaron for approval.

**HIRE Partner area of website** – will be secure for committee members only and will require a log in.

**HIRE Job Search Database:** Still in the development stage, this database will feature a job seeker button where anyone can search for a job. Employers will be able to register, post jobs and their logo on the site. Aaron will act as the filter for jobs posted by employers. Once an employer is approved, they will be given a user name and password. Job seekers will be able to post resumes, look for jobs and practice applications online.

**Developing Effective and Efficient Community Partnerships**

Patti Brokken, State Department of Rehabilitation, announced that a leadership training opportunity will be presented by the San Joaquin Valley District of the State Department of Rehabilitation. The idea is to bring 50% agencies and 50% employers together to open new avenues for employment for people with disabilities. Patti asked the HIRE to recommend employers who may be interested in participating. Please send the employer's information to Patti at [pbrokken@dor.ca.gov](mailto:pbrokken@dor.ca.gov) or Carol at [cbowman@co.kern.ca.us](mailto:cbowman@co.kern.ca.us).

**Aaron talked about events for 2009:**

January – Strategic Planning Meeting to evaluate where we are now and where we want to go in the next few years. In addition, with the Talent Knows No Limits resource ending, how do we continue the momentum?

Claudia said she is starting the evaluation process of the TKNL campaign in Kern County. Did we increase awareness?

Job Placement Circle will be February 11, 2009 at the Commonwealth Building.

Marlene said HIRE is on the SHRM agenda for April

Meeting adjourned and the Job Club began.