



April 10, 2008
10:30 am

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

In attendance: Elaine Bashame (ETR), Kellie Tyndall (WTP), Jerry Pounds (VAS), Zaena Araneta (WTP), Curtis Jenkins (EDD), Sandy Meeks (GISC), Claudette Smith (GISC), Michelle Espinoza (GISC), Kathy Winans (KCMH), Deborah Plant (DoR), Denise Crawford (BC), Claudia Ponder, Paula Mande (CBVI), Stacey Peyton (VAS), Jeff Woods (BARC), Steve Rogers (BARC), John Dodson (TC), Rudy Gutierrez (BC), and Aaron Markovits (KRC)

Sign In Sheet/Contact List was distributed.

People Introduced themselves.

I Upcoming Activities

a. Luncheon Date is May 8th at Cocounut Joe's Private Beach Club. Distributed letter to be sent out by the mayor to employers and committee members. RSVP to Debbie Plant at DoR as the letter instructs. Deadline to rsvp is May 1st. There is a \$15 per person charge for agency representatives at this luncheon. Employers are free to attend.

As always the Mayor will invite other employers at the recommendation of the committee if the contact information is provided to Aaron by April 16th.

You may still nominate employers for recognition by contacting Kellee Tendall at Work Training Programs. If you have suggestions for employers we should recognize please contact Kellie at 617-6170 or ktyndall@wtpinc.org by April 16th.

Need an employer, employee and agency representative to speak at the luncheon.

b. CHIP/WID Training on Healthcare and Benefits was held on April 16 and 17 in the Starh Center computer lab at KHSD. There were 29 people registered for training. There were many good comments shared by those in attendance. This was the first time WID had used this format and it was deemed a success, with a few lessons learned.

II. Update on next Job Placement Circle.

The committee is currently planning the next JPC and has tentatively scheduled it for June 11th. The location is yet to be determined, but there is a meeting this afternoon to discuss the rest of the details around the event.

III. Update on Statewide Publicity Campaign:

Claudia Ponder provided an update on the “Talent Knows No Limits” publicity campaign. Materials were disseminated to the committee that describe the success stories already collected as well as a draft architecture for the website and the work already completed. She is scouting a location to shoot pictures for the current Bakersfield success stories and is still interested in collecting a few more if you have people and companies you are working with. The “Talent Knows No Limits” website is www.talentknowsnolimits.info.

Aaron has discussed with the leaders of the campaign our ongoing interest in collaborating with them to promote local activities of the committee and community at large to improve employment opportunities for people with disabilities. A media buy has taken place. Next steps to the campaign are in discussion now.

Next meeting will be announced.