

NEVADA COMMITTEE OF BLIND VENDORS MEETING MINUTES

5/23/2024

2:00 PM

I. Roll Call and Confirmation of Quorum: Ivan Delgado, NCBV Chair

Ivan Delgado, Chair

Joe Urbanek, Vice Chair

Bernetta Schlechter - Secretary

Harold Petrofsky, Southern Representative

Nels Brown, Northern Representative

II. Verification of Posting: Jason Birmingham, BEO I

Jason Birmingham confirmed that the agenda was posted in a timely and correct manner.

III. First Public Comment Session Ivan Delgado, NCBV Chair

IV. For Possible Action - Vote to Accept the Agenda Ivan Delgado, NCBV Chair

Ivan Delgado asked for a motion to accept the agenda.

Harold Petrofsky motioned to accept the agenda.

Nels Brown seconded it.

Motion Passed.

V. Welcome and Introduction of Guests: Ivan Delgado, NCBV Chair

South: Mikie Yamada, Jason Birmingham, Jason Bustillo, Marcos Hurtado, Lynn Urbanek, Ryan Barnard, Chris Mazza, Elizabeth Perring, Dion Williams, Regina Mitchell, Sharron Misby, Donna Bates, Jordan Laub

North: Janette Parish, Nels Brown, Richard Eberly, Richard Taylor, Eugenio Chavez

**VI. For Possible Action –
Approval of the minutes for the
NCBV meeting, February 21, 2024**

Ivan Delgado, NCBV Chair

Ivan Delgado asked for a motion to approve minutes.

Harold Petrofsky motioned.

Nels Brown seconded the motion.

Motion passed.

VII. Old Business

Discussion – BEN project and status update:

Chris Mazza, BEN Chief

Chris mentioned that due to the end of the current fiscal year we are finishing up this fiscal year.

The reserve is just under 3 million, up from the last meeting.

Some substantial improvements will likely need to be made by the end of the year.

Moving forward with discussions about Redrock. Redrock is planning to remodel, and we are in discussion. We have been in talks for 3 years; holdups not on our end.

State campus, state has purchased 18 buildings. Market in gaming control board. Many agencies are getting ready to move in. Will be a slow process but will lead to new opportunity.

In the North, the State has purchased several buildings. One just off the highway on Professional Circle. It's a great building, it's new and exciting.

Grant sawyer will be going away.

BEN team received an award from the governor. Met at the old State Assembly Building to receive our award.

Ivan thanked the whole BEN crew for their hard work.

VIII. New Business

Discussion -

- Trainee update

Chris Mazza, BEN Chief

Trainees Donna and Regina are in various stages of completing their training. Interest from others are working with their counselors. With all interest, we need to find as many quality sites as we can and step up our game.

- Podcast/YouTube Channel

Burnetta Schlecter, NCBV Secretary

Burnetta said that Jason and Dion already knew about podcasting at the east Las Vegas library. Threw it to Jason to comment.

Jason said that there is a podcast room at the East Las Vegas Library, with 4 microphones. Everyone has a story to tell and can help inform and share ideas. He thinks it is a good idea since everything is so digital now. It's a good way to share and learn.

Burnetta said that she used the geek squad that came to her house. She has headphones and microphones already set up. She plans to have a small miniseries podcast. She wants content to be making money with a disability, she'd like to highlight the BEN program and the Randolph Shepherd Act. She states it will be an educational, inspirational, and disability related podcast.

- BEPro Case Management System

Chris Mazza, BEN Chief

This program is specifically designed for business enterprises across the nation.

We are looking at a program called BEPro, Case Management system for agencies

Kentucky is already using the program; Iowa and Georgia just purchased. Spoke to KY BEP Chief who walked us through. It will do a lot to help. You will log in to fill out. Fill out the P & L report and will calculate your set aside. You will be able to submit P&L and pay in same step.

It will help in requesting maintenance. Unlike a phone call you will go onto the portal and pick the equipment since we will put it all on the portal to set up the site. You will be able to submit a request to notify the BEO who can then dispatch maintenance. It can request prior approval; you can add items and tailor it to BEN's needs. BEPro should make things a lot easier and better. Next steps could be to have BEPro to do a presentation or speak with KY BEP Chief who is willing to help. It is expensive and will take time to set up and build out everything.

It is expensive at about 250 thousand for a one-time cost to set-up system and 50K per year to maintain.

Chris thinks it's a necessary program.

Burnetta asked if it would have all the forms. Such as medical reimbursement, travel. All kinds of docs.

Chris answered yes, it will have medical, travel, and can-do DocuSign.

It will take a little time and we must work with other state programs, but we have already started that.

- NAMA – Dallas update

Joe Urbanek, NCBV Vice Chair

Joe stated that NAMA is held once a year, typically in May and travels from city to city. Operators need to attend, items even in the sighted world since you will learn a lot. There is so many products there that people aren't aware of. Smart cooler, robotics for coffee and cotton candy, etc. It will be in Las Vegas next year so try to attend it. You will see a lot of products and equipment.

Chris stated that NAMA is a great convention to go to. It comes to Las Vegas every other or 3rd year. Confirming with Joe that in May of 25 it is here.

For Possible Action-

IX. Second Public Comment:

Ivan Delgado, NCBV Chair

No Comments

X. Discussion - Date for Next NCBV Meeting:

Ivan Delgado, NCBV Chair

Thursday, August 22nd at 10AM

XI. Adjournment:

Ivan Delgado, NCBV Chair

Ivan Delgado asked for motion to adjourn.

Nels Brown motioned to adjourn.

Harold Petrofsky seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 2:38pm