

## **GWDB Subcommittee Updates Q1 2024**

### Barriers and Underserved Populations

Last meeting: 1/24/2024

- Identified goals for the subcommittee for 2024. Start with one of the priority populations with the highest unemployment rates.
  - When considering two factors (Entire population -> Males -> Education, Race, Ethnicity, etc.), African American males had the highest unemployment rate at 12.4 percent in the Southern Nevada.
  - Two or more races had the highest unemployment rate at 9.1 percent in Northern Nevada, with Hispanic or Latino males having an unemployment rate at 5.5 percent.
  - Native Americans had the highest unemployment rate at 15.8 percent in Rural Nevada.
  - Across all regions, those that did not complete a high school degree or attained a GED or alternative credential had very high unemployment rates (12.6 percent in Southern Nevada, 8.5 percent in Northern Nevada, 21.5 percent in Rural Nevada).
- Front end access and awareness. Next do they access the system or what are the barriers to access the system? Back end is impact.
- Presentation from Workforce Connections' Community Investment Impact Dashboard
- Next steps to form a working group for identifying frontline organizations.

Upcoming meeting: 4/24/2024

### Childcare

Last meeting: 2/14/2024

- Kick off meeting for standing Childcare Subcommittee. Round robin introductions from all Subcommittee members to share their commitment to address childcare and share their unique perspectives.
- Identified goals to increase unity and collaboration, eradicate barriers that hinder workforce participation for parents, and gather facts and make cohesive policy decisions.
- Presentation from Karissa Loper Machado on CARE Funding.
  - Overview of Nevada Childcare & Development Program (CCDP)
  - Data on pandemic childcare funding in Nevada including assistance to families, providers, and childcare system.
- Discussion on recommendations to improve childcare for next legislative session, including focusing on housing, capital investment, local regulations, and workforce development.

Upcoming meeting: 5/22/2024

## Strategic Planning Subcommittee

Last meeting: 3/6/2024

- Updates on WIOA State Plan (was submitted two days prior) and strategic plan.
- Presentation from Craig Statucki on the Perkins V State Plan (Career and Tech Ed).
  - 3 strategic goals: improving access and achievement in high-quality CTE, implementing a systematic approach to career pathways and skill development, and ensuring a pipeline of skilled talent for employers and CTE educators.
  - Aligned definitions of high-skill, high-wage, and in-demand occupations with the WIOA State Plan.
  - New performance indicators for CTE, including program quality recognized postsecondary credentials and work-based learning participation.
- Future items identified in new business:
  - Explore other factors that impact education performance but are not currently measured (for instance, effectiveness of work-based learning).
  - The aligned case management project is working to combine intake and referral into one process.

Upcoming meeting: 6/5/2024