



## West Area Council

July 16, 2010

9:00 to 10:30 a.m.

UNT Health & Science Center

### **Transaction Notes:**

**In Attendance:** Chair Kayla Kelly, Bill Fairley, Jim Brown, Stu Arledge, Marco Mendoza, Cathy Moates

**Absent:** Cathy Barthelemy, Feleshia Cochran, Alexander Chandler, Lisa Powers

**Special Guest:** Jenny Senter, Cory Armstrong with Junior Achievement

**Chamber Staff:** Pennie Blossom

Chair Kayla Kelly called the meeting to order and asked for introductions. She then turned the floor over to Marco Mendoza for an update on UNTHSC.

We met in the brand new beautiful Medical Education and Training Building, and more expansion continues on the campus. Mendoza had a bit of bad news: 13 people were laid off last week. When they first started looking at their budget, they thought 43 people would have to go. They were able to keep all but 13, through reassigning staff to other areas of the campus. The decision about adding the M.D. program (in addition to the existing traditional D.O. program) will be decided in August. The funding is available so now it is up to the board and other political issues. UNTHSC is a big sponsor of The Hispanic Wellness Fair coming up August 14 at Will Rogers Coliseum.

The board expressed interest in Junior Achievement at the last meeting. Pennie Blossom invited Jenny Senter and Corey Armstrong from JA to give the board an overview of their programs. Junior Achievement was founded in 1919 and teaches work readiness, entrepreneurship and financial literacy to students K – 12th grade. Globally, JA reaches over 9.75 million students in over 100 countries. It is privately funded from individuals, corporations, organizations and foundations. It is not a United Way agency. All programs are reviewed in an independent evaluation on a regular basis. Elementary school programs are five weeks; middle grades are six weeks and high school programs last between seven and eight weeks. Monnig does not have a JA Program in their school. Kayla will talk to Laura Stegall, principal, about starting one. Monnig is the WAC adopted school and would be where the board is interested in teaching.

Kelly continued with the action plan.

### **Action Plan:**

#### Education - Monnig Middle School

- Monnig
  - Kelly spent some time with Laura Stegall at the Adopt-A-School luncheon. Stegall would like to focus on their Native Texas Garden next year. Mendoza is following up

with research on which plants to use in the garden. Cathy Barthelemy with the Museum of Science and History is also working with Stegall and Mendoza. They will have a report at the next meeting.

- The date for the group mentoring session will be in the fall, probably September. The students will be a group of 6<sup>th</sup> graders and the board will follow them all the way through until they leave for high school.
- Dena Newell with Ridgemar Mall is working with Stegall and the art class to have their “Trashen Fashion” show at the mall. This is all recycled materials designed by the students. Stegall says it is amazing.

### Retention

- The board divided the new member list and will email or call to welcome them to the WAC.
- Membership in the WAC was basically unchanged for this reporting period.

### Programming

- Upcoming Programs:
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    - September 29 – Membership Luncheon with Coach Patterson, TCU.
    - August 5 – Business After Hours, 5:30 to 7:30, Meridian Bank Texas
    - August 26 – Membership Luncheon hosted by the SAC, Robert Earley, JPS, Speaker, Location TBD
    - August 27 – Gold / Preferred Member Breakfast, Fort Worth Club, 7:30 to 9:00 a.m.
    - September 8 – Lunch and Learn, Joe T. Garcia’s in La Puertita
    - September 9 – Getting To Know Your Chamber, Fort Worth Club, 3:30
    - September 20 – Chamber Golf Classic, Ridglea Country Club
    - September 23 – State of Education Luncheon, Colonial Country Club
    - September 29 – WIB Luncheon with Doc Holliday and sister Alyce Jones, The City Club

### Monitoring

- Development on 7<sup>th</sup> Street – The 7<sup>th</sup> Street bridge will not close until after the Super Bowl in February 2011. Reports are that one lane will be open each way most of the time. New restaurants still open weekly and they all seem to be doing very well.

With there being no other business Chair Kelly adjourned the meeting.

Next Meeting:           September 17, 2010  
                                  Location TBD  
                                  9:00 – 10:30