

cannot be added this year. Steve Parrish asked what is a “green job”. Kathryn stated it is more of a philosophy basically to reduce the carbon footprint.

Such jobs would include solar panels, air conditioning, redesign of construction, renewable energy infrastructure, bio fuel development, etc. Vern stated that there are Federal guidelines on green jobs that might be helpful.

- VI. Intermodal Complex – Steve Craig said that the Port has already issued an RFQ. Manny Almira with the Port of Palm Beach has been in contact with Tallahassee. Steve Parrish asked what will happen to the sugar buy-out? Vern Crawford said that the Governor is revising his proposal. They are currently working on the planning portion. Hendry County is making the push for the project as it anticipates 16 to 17 thousand jobs. Even though lobbying going on, the State is not really involved yet. Mr. Talley said that many areas are actively lobbying.
- VII. Tri-Rail versus Sun-Rail – Tri-Rail is proposed for Jupiter. However, Sun-Rail remains in the picture. Tri-Rail made a pitch to be looked at in place of Sun-Rail. Kathryn did a one-on-one interview regarding proposal. Her thoughts are it needs to have better connectivity to employers to be successful.
- VIII. WIA Reauthorization – Vern Crawford learned from Gary Earl that they will begin discussing WIA reauthorization right after July 4th because they would like the bill out and moving in August which would affect next calendar year. Right now the House is consumed with Labor issues and the Senate is consumed with health care issues. General consensus is no changes anticipated.
- IX. Health Care Initiative – Amy Dean said many LPNs would like to proceed to an RN program. Currently, they do not have the capacity so turning down interested parties. Kathryn would like to see stimulus dollars increase capacity and she is in the planning stages for same. LPNs have a difficult time in getting hired. Amy Dean commented that a recent survey showed that 10 to 20 times more positions are available for RN level opposed to LPN. Right now there is no space for the clinical component and this is being discussed with HCA. Would like to extend this program to other hospitals. Amy said that the biggest obstacle is locating teachers. Steve Parrish said that an RN makes double wages compared to an LPN. Kathryn said she is active in the HCA meetings. Dave Talley has connections with Palm Beach Hospital/Tenet. This issue is global, not just HCA. Steve Parrish reminded everyone to be realistic and to figure out what we need to do to get to where we want to go.
- X. General Items – Randy Johnson asked that he be informed when Kathryn hears back from the Governor’s office regarding his potential attendance at our Summit. Steve Parrish asked how we could get Congressman Rooney’s attention. Kathryn said that she has had contact with him and his assistant. She suggested that perhaps the Board could write a note of thanks to him and all of our Legislators.
- XI. No other items – meeting adjourned.

XII. Next meeting scheduled for June 4th.