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NEWS RELEASE

OWINN WELCOMES KRISTEN DWYER AS GRANTS AND PROGRAMS MANAGER

Las Vegas / Carson City, NV (May 25, 2021) - Isla Young, Executive Director of the Governor's Office of Workforce Innovation (OWINN), announced that Kristen Dwyer, former Project Coordinator at the College of Southern Nevada (CSN), has joined the OWINN staff as a Grants and Programs Manager.

At CSN, Kristen was responsible for initiating, managing, and reporting on all aspects of a \$1 million STEM grant at the school. In addition to establishing a steering committee to review and approve applications for competitive funding opportunities from the grant, she presented to numerous groups including non-profits and educational organizations about the purpose and upcoming plans of the grant initiative. Prior to her position as Project Coordinator, she served as Coordinator to the Vice President of Academic Affairs at CSN.

As OWINN's Grants and Programs Manager, Kristen will be responsible for managing nearly \$20 million dollars of federal grants awarded to OWINN. The grants include the SANDI Reimagine grant, Department of Labor H1-B Rural Healthcare grant, Department of Labor Apprenticeship grant, National Governor's Association WIN grant, and more.

"The OWINN team is excited to welcome Kristen Dwyer as OWINN's newest staff member. As OWINN continues to develop our federal funding portfolio, having an incredibly strong talent in place is key to compliance and maximum impact. Kristen brings years of experience around grant management. We are thrilled to have her join our OWINN team - an incredibly strong team who are passionate about our mission and understand what a special opportunity we have to provide hope and meaningful opportunities to Nevadans," said Isla Young, OWINN Executive Director.

Prior to working at CSN, Kristen served for eight years in various capacities for the Harte Research Institute for Gulf of Mexico Studies at Texas A & M University Corpus Christi, including working as Outreach Program Manager, Assistant to the Executive Director, and Business Support Specialist. Kristen received her BS in Agricultural Communications and Journalism from Texas A & M University and an MA in Communications from Texas A & M University Corpus Christi.

About OWINN

OWINN helps drive a skilled, diverse, and aligned workforce in the state of Nevada by promoting cooperation and collaboration among all entities focused on workforce development. Its chief objectives are to prepare all K-12 students for college and career success, increase the number of Nevadans with postsecondary degrees and credentials, and boost employment outcomes in training and credentialing programs.