

## CETA PROBES CHARGES AGAINST OIC AGENCY

Ann Silver, state CETA executive director, reported that her office has taken action to temporarily suspend a \$43,000 grant to a community service agency headed by James Chaney. There were allegations of possible misuse of state funds.

The allegations also are being investigated by Clark County Comprehensive Employment Act officials. The charges, brought by a former employee of the Las Vegas Opportunities Industrialization Center, allege fund misuse and mismanagement by the agency, state officials confirmed last Friday.

The agency, OIC, holds \$112,600 in contracts with the state and county CETA offices for job training and summer youth programs.

Linda Ryan, head of the agency, said the

state Office of Community Services, which has provided OIC with \$256,000 in funding this year, has yet to begin an investigation.

"We're aware of the allegations and we're keeping a close watch on it," she said.

An earlier report by the Las Vegas Review Journal said the service agency was headed by Las Vegas Assemblyman Lonle Chaney and his brother James. The Las Vegas Sentinel contacted Lonle Chaney who emphatically denied any direct connection with the OIC activities. "I'm not connected. I have nothing to do with the program," Chaney said. "I support the program. I am not involved as an operator but I do support the program. Where possible, I help to get them funds. I am not involved on a day-to-day basis. The in-

dividual who was fired apparently thought I had something to do with it since my brother runs the program."

Silver said a preliminary search of OIC's books has not turned up any accounting discrepancies. But she said OIC first must clear up some potential violations of a state contract before the grant for clerical training for low-income people will be restored.

The employee who made the charges alleged OIC instructors "take off for hours during the day to go home and go to sleep or enjoy their own personal activities."

The employee also alleged James Chaney had hired friends and relatives to work in the state-funded program. Chaney denied the charges.

## RICHARD BLUE ELECTED NEW EOB CHAIRMAN

The Economic Opportunity Board of Clark County held its 17th annual meeting on June 30 at the Reed Whipple Cultural Center.

Outgoing Chairman Lee Walker announced the election of Richard Blue, Chairman, Janet MacEachern, 1st Vice Chair and Joanne Compton, 2nd Vice Chair.

Distinguished guest speakers included County Commissioner Thalla Dondero, who reminded attendees that her husband, Harvey Dondero, was EOB's first Board Chairman. "We must work on the local level, because the cuts come to us," she said. Bob Boston, Mayor of Boulder City, stated that his roots with EOB go back many years. He pledged to continue contributing to the financial support of EOB, and pointed out that advocacy on the agency's behalf and broad-based community participation were most important to its continued existence. Kent Anderson, Mayor Pro-Tem, representing Mayor Leroy Zike of Henderson, expressed his appreciation for EOB's services in Henderson, which include Head

Start, Child Family Resource Program, Women, Infants and Children Supplemental Feeding Program and Senior and Handicapped Transportation. Las Vegas City Commissioner Roy Woofter, a long-time member of EOB's Board of Directors, stated "EOB has been a force in our community, and we want them to continue to be so from here on out."

Councilman Theron Goynes of North Las Vegas pointed out that the agency's job is not an easy one but "... if you can't stand for something, you'll fall for anything."

Entertainment was provided by LOVE ALL PEOPLE, directed by Reverend Prentice Minner. Attendees were also treated to several scenes from Randy Wil-

liams' musical production "Girl Talk."



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