

HR Professionals and Recruiters Gather for the Inaugural California Diversity Council Talent Summits

The California Diversity Council hosted its inaugural Talent Summits on April 12th in Los Angeles and April 13, 2012 in San Diego. The half-day learning events were designed to help companies maximize the talents and skills of current employees as well as learn best practices on recruiting a diverse workforce.

“The California Talent Summits were wonderful opportunities for HR Professionals and recruiters to learn the latest employment branding, recruiting, retention, and engagement trends practiced by model companies with outstanding employee relations,” said Dennis Kennedy, Founder and CEO of the National Diversity Council.

The events began at 8:30 am with registration followed by a networking reception, allowing attendees to mingle and make invaluable contacts. Following the reception, the summit itself began. Multiple experts were on hand in both San Diego and Los Angeles to present on subjects relevant to attracting and recruiting a diverse workforce.

Topics covered by the presenters included benefits of recruiting veterans, having female affinity groups, and attracting and maintaining a diverse workforce. Attendees sat quietly in their

sessions as they absorbed the wealth of knowledge and information presented. At the end of the event, they walked away with an understanding of the importance a diverse workforce has on talent acquisition and retention.

The National Diversity Council would like to thank the sponsors Microsoft, University of San Diego, and Target CW, along with all of the presenters for helping to make the California Diversity Council Talent Summits a rousing success.

Talent Summit Presenters:

Los Angeles

Tracy Reddicks
Human Resources Director
Country Villa Health Services

Enrique Baltierra
Consultant



Panelists from left to right: Tracy Reddicks, Enrique Baltierra

San Diego

Michael Larkins
Senior Vice President
Amerit Family of Companies

Kathy Tanner
Manager of Accounting
Amylin Pharmaceuticals

Tonya Chavis
Associate Director of Information
Technology
Amylin Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

Markus Achord
Supplier Diversity Program Leader
CareFusion



Panelists from left to right: Markus Achord, Tonya Chavis, Kathy Tanner, Michael Larkins