

**1. Call to Order**

Chair Kelsie McClendon called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

**2. Roll Call: Quorum (6)**

**Present:** Patrick Burkhart, Ben Candler (T), Shawn Hutchinson, Kelsie McClendon (T), Tony Maldonado, Paul Sanders; **Absent:** Randy Kimmens, Che Collins; **Staff:** Kristen Merser, Curtis Shaw

**3. Approval of Meeting Minutes – Action Item**

Ben made a motion to approve the minutes from February 8th; Paul seconded; minutes approved.

**4. MWC Two Year Plan – Youth Program Elements – For Information Only**

Patrick presented the PowerPoint handout explaining that the focus of the plan will be built on the first and last slide. The technical portion of the plan is largely completed. Patrick will distribute a full draft of the plan before the next meeting. A draft will also be reviewed at the Standing Partners' meeting in April, and the June Full Board meeting. The task force may need one more meeting to finalize the plan.

**Slide 1** outlines the purpose, the two year mission statement to build up the skills of the workforce. A moderate economic recovery is expected over the next two years. MWC aims to be promotionally available, engaging businesses in broader services, track growth in number of businesses reached and number of placements. Also track credentials and employment placements.

**Slide 2** shows a forecast expected 3-4% growth rate. The housing crisis will persist until 2015, with high foreclosure rates through 2012. An uneven employment recovery of shallow/robust growth is expected. 175,000 new jobs (5% growth) a month required just to absorb the newly unemployed or the new entrants into the labor pool. 13 million people are unemployed.

**Slide 3** shows the governor's economic development incentives and sector strategies.

**Slides 4 and 5** are economic growth forecast snapshots. The numbers are in thousands. Patrick estimates that 250,000 jobs were lost in Maricopa County and 150-175,000 are still unemployed. Construction got hit the hardest. Sean noted that many of the workers have left Arizona so more manpower will be needed in 3-5 years. Need a prepared workforce.

**Slide 6** contains the newest census highlights.

**Slide 7** compares MWC in 2011 with 2008. This will be included in a system accountability report to the board talking about how effective we are as an entire system. The platform was piloted at the August meeting. How effective are we as a partner-based organization – in a recession vs. growth economy.

**Slide 8** contains goals for 2013 that Patrick would like to work on with the task force to translate into accountability metrics. MWC and PWC are spearheading a regional workforce system with Maricopa Human Capital Collaborative vs. having multiple separate entities. MWC aims to expand the knowledge and recognition for excellence in serving special populations and better meet the needs for qualified workers.

**Next Steps:**

Plan will be presented to the Youth Council March 17, the Standing Partners in April, Full Board in June, 30-day public comment opportunity, then BOS in August.

**5. Call to the public**

No public present

**6. Adjournment**

Tony made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Shawn seconded the motion; Chair Kelsie adjourned the meeting at 2:56 PM.