

**1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

Chair Tony Maldonado called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**2. Roll Call: Quorum (5)**

**Present:** Patrick Burkhart, Kathryn "Che" Collins, Angelo Maisto, Tony Maldonado, Ignacio Pesqueira

**Absent:** Bob Neckes, Randy Kimmens

**Staff:** Barb Rorwick, Todd Berndt, Trina Jenkins, Curtis Shaw, Laurie Ontiveros, Kristen Merser

**Guests:** Julie Sater, Michael Graser, Dayna Graser, Germaine Abraham Leo, Danyol Woodhams, Devin Hearn, Sharlet Barnett, Adam Soto, Stephanie Varela, Michelle Lee, AZ Republic

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

Barb corrected the date and spelling of Devin Hearn. Ignacio made a motion to approve the minutes from January 20, 2011; Angelo seconded the motion; minutes approved with corrections.

**4. Youth Council Nomination – Action Item**

Identified by Che Collins, Mary Huggins fills one required opening for a youth member of the council. Ignacio made a motion to accept the nomination; Angelo seconded the motion; nomination accepted.

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

Patrick spoke about the reason for writing a two-year plan and provided some background information. He explained that economic conditions are very different than in 2008 when the last plan was created, and a strategic plan for 2013 is needed. The Youth Council was represented by Tony, Che and Randy. A draft of the plan will be presented to the Standing Partners' Committee in April, the Full Board in June, followed by a 30-day public comment opportunity, with a final review by the Full Board in August, and finally the Board of Supervisors.

Patrick presented the PowerPoint handout and asked Youth Council members to consider the elements of the plan and offer suggestions. The charts on slides 5 and 6 are measured in thousands. The first and last slides will be condensed into a set of goals, metrics and a narrative.

The members discussed ways to ensure that youth are prepared to take advantage of upcoming Davis Bacon project apprenticeship opportunities expected within the next two years. Tony noted that many people come into apprenticeships expecting a job, not a career or extended training, so their interest is short-lived. Members agreed adding that youth may just want instant gratification or may not be interested in some of the industries that are in demand right now, but that several opportunities could arise through training in related skills. Many career opportunities have changed from secure to contract work and/or require a degree. Patrick asked for consideration of these issues and ideas to discuss at the May meeting.

**6. Youth Participant Presentations – For Information Only**

Barb Rorwick presented the performance reports. Danyol Woodhams spoke about his experience with Goodwill. He was referred to the Goodwill program by his probation officer, worked on job skills and a resume, got a job working with computers and is now working fulltime and attending ITT Technical institute working toward a degree. He also obtained his green certification.

**7. MWC New Metrics Report – For Information Only**

Laurie presented the benchmarks results handout and the group discussed. Concerns included bridging the education gap between obtaining the GED and acquiring the skills to enter a job or an apprenticeship program. It was noted that even students that have degrees sometimes don't have the necessary trade skills to enter a career. Tony proposed exploring a new ways to help students who aren't successful within the standard education delivery platform. Patrick noted that our current educational system has resulted in 40% of Arizona residents over 25 have a high school diploma or less. Che suggested a computer program that helps deliver applied academics which produce skills for a particular vocation – she will send the information to Patrick. Patrick said that there will be about 5 months of data available at the next Youth Council meeting which will take about a half hour to review.

**8. Provider Reports – For Information Only**

**ACYR** is putting together a summer patient care program with certifications for phlebotomist, C.N.A. and Patient Care Tech. Nine participants are just finishing their GED's and moving right into the phlebotomy program.

**YMCA** reported that the student who was shot before the last meeting is doing better and is back in school. They have 5 students at ASU and 1 at NAU. They just attended Body Worlds at the Science Center and now many students are interested in getting into the medical field.

**VSUW** is looking forward to graduations. One funeral home is offering educational experience for a student interested in mortuary science.

**GOODWILL** has consolidated youth programs into one coordinator, Germaine Abraham Leo, so they will be able to unify all youth programs. They are working with ASU to provide tutors to bridge the training gap with a learning project. They are on target with 50 enrolled out of the 65 enrollment target by end of the year.

**9. Call to the public**

No public present

**10. Adjournment**

Angelo motioned, Che seconded. Chair Maldonado adjourned the meeting at 9:42 a.m.