

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Tony Maldonado called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

1. Patrick Burkhart
2. Che Collins
3. Angelo Maisto
4. Tony Maldonado
5. Ignacio Pesqueira
6. Bob Neckes (T)

Staff

- Bill O'Brien
Dawn Zimmer
Kristen Merser
Laurie Ontiveros
Victoria Sanchez

Guests

- Adam Soto
Devin Hearn
Eric James
Javier Lopez
Julie Sater
Michael Graser
Sharlet Barnett
Stephanie Varela
Victor Ramirez

Absent:

Randy Kimmens

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes – Action Item

Patrick made a motion to approve the minutes from March 17, 2011; Ignacio seconded the motion; minutes approved.

4. Youth Council Member Term Expirations/Renewals:

Members of the Youth Council serve two-year terms. The following member's terms expire June 30th. Patrick will follow-up with an email to ask for renewals. Two positions are still vacant that need to be filled to be certified by the state.

- Che Collins
- Bob Neckes
- Randy Kimmens
- Ignacio Pesqueira
- Tony Maldonado

Randy Kimmens was named Director of the office at Maricopa Community College district. Patrick has extended an invitation to Randy to join the MWC Full Board.

5. MWC Two Year Plan – Youth Program Elements

Patrick presented the PowerPoint on the Two Year Plan. The plan has been in process since January 2010 with the *Economic Recovery* and *Strategic Planning* task forces. Writing the plan began in January 2011 with the Two Year Plan Task Force. The draft plan will be taken to the Board in June for approval for the public comment period. After the public comment period it will be presented again to the MWC Board for final approval to send to the Board of Supervisors. After the Board of Supervisors approval, the plan will be submitted to the State. Youth Council members on the Two Year Plan Task Force are Che, Tony and Randy.

A new plan is considered necessary because of economic changes, a long-term recovery, the creation of the Maricopa Human Capital Collaborative, the Regional Business Services Team, and the expansion of locations through Access Points. The plan takes into account system effectiveness in addition to WIA effectiveness.

Performance metrics will take into account how many individuals are credentialed and employed. It will measure business effectiveness through the number of businesses engaged and placements retained. The program will measure meaningful participation in economic development.

Accomplishments will include becoming a truly regional workforce in collaboration with PWC as a partner, specializing in serving special populations, high performance in targeted business sectors, building partnerships with other government agencies and contracts, an emphasis on math and reading literacy for undereducated job seekers, and a reduced cost training delivery system to expand training opportunities to as many people as can be served.

Job Corps sends 20 to 30 students to Gateway Community College each semester for math and reading classes, and Che suggested using their resources.

Patrick asked if the metrics seem meaningful as applying to all partners. The state has a new data system rolling out this year which will help measure the MWC System #1 metric of measuring the number of jobseekers credentialed and/or placed into employment. There is currently a documentation issue so there may appear to be less credentialed program participants than there actually are. Tony noted addressing the broader social service to underserved individuals to build soft skills or mitigate personal issues.

By consensus, the Youth Council recommended the Two Year Plan draft be forwarded to the Full Board.

6. MWC Benchmark Report

Laurie presented the benchmark report on current participants enrolled in the youth program. The numbers are cumulative and show continuous improvement. Patrick suggested putting interpretive value or context into the numbers. Bill asked the providers for feedback on performance benchmarks and if any measurements should be added. Patrick suggested publishing a best practice once the measurements are finalized. The DES Red and Green Report measures two benchmarks including credentials. MWC youth providers perform at or above the rest of the state according to the DES red and green report. A substantial difference.

7. Call to the public

Valley of the Sun YMCA introduced Javier Lopez, a graduate of Las Artes. Javier talked about his experience with the program and asked for more exposure so others knew it was out there. Javier dropped out of high school as a sophomore in 2006, but recently completed the Las Artes program preferring the platform of half the day in a classroom setting while creating art for the other half of the day. Javier said that he felt that if he could make something artistic, he could do anything with his mind. He suggested making the program available to adults as well. Javier explained that he dropped out of high school because of family reasons, lack of support, and lack of direction and feeling stuck in the same place. Tony said that he witnesses kids drop out because they're not challenged and they don't see relevance in what they're doing. Javier is now attending Phoenix College and aspires to be a dentist or practice law.

ACYR introduced Victor Ramirez who spoke about the Youth Leadership Council. The primary function is to engage youth to become active in making decisions for their future. Victor said that he was helped by a Youth Leadership Council member when he was younger and aspires to be that person to someone else. He believes that youth see things differently than others so they can help each other by taking action in the community. Youth town-hall-style events are created 3 times a year to ensure that youth are heard. The leadership council will train youth to become leaders, reach out to at risk youth, and obtain goals. Victor graduated from high school this year and is attending Phoenix College to become a massage therapist or physical therapist.

Patrick introduced Victoria Sanchez who presented the Maricopa County Teen Leadership Experience (MCLE) program, effective May 23rd to August 23rd. The program is an outreach to youth to look at careers in government and to help county departments communicate. The program is free, self-directed and aims to engage youth to understand and build careers in government. Victoria offered to give a presentation to providers.

Che reported that Mary Huggins is no longer with the Youth Council.

8. Adjournment

Angelo motioned, Che seconded. Chair Maldonado adjourned the meeting at 9:41 a.m.