

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Rick McCartney called the meeting to order at 9:41 a.m.

2. Roll Call: Quorum (22)

Present:

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| 1. Blair Liddicoat | 12. Benjamin Serio (T) |
| 2. Chevera Trillo | 13. Bob Neckes (T) |
| 3. George Thorne | 14. Eric Knott (T) |
| 4. Greta Suda | 15. K. Levandowsky (T) |
| 5. Kayong Holston | 16. Kelsie McClendon (T) |
| 6. Rick McCartney | 17. Marie Sullivan (T) |
| 7. Shellie Frey | 18. Paul Sanders (T) |
| 8. Tina Huff | 19. Paul Magallanez (T) |
| 9. Tony Abraham | 20. Randy Kimmens (T) |
| 10. Belinda Hanson (T) | 21. Rodney Pack (T) |
| 11. Ben Candler (T) | 22. Shawn Hutchinson (T) |

Absent/Excused:

- Christine MacKay*
Dillon Holmes
Jessica Starr
Karen Thorne
Karissa Brnak
Kathryn "Che" Collins
Tony Maldonado
Trevor Gelder
Trish Georgeff
Yolanda Locher

Staff/Guests

- Patrick Burkhart
Kristen Merse
Curtis Shaw
Janet Lilly
Melanie Benitez
Krista Rippee (T)
Greta Suda
Terry Farrell
Dan Siegler (T)

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes – Action Item

Chevera Trillo made a motion to approve the October 27th minutes; Tony Abraham seconded; approved.

4. Presentation – Ticket to Work Program – For Information Only

Terry Farrell, Gilbert Center Coordinator, presented a recap of the two years of center interaction with the Ticket to Work program. The goal of the program is to help SSI recipients find gainful employment. The social security office and Maximus are partners. Paperwork and requirements were reduced allowing the one-stops to participate. Dan Siegler is going across the state to roll-out a pilot program, working together to create a model for the system.

Dan Siegler, Ticket to Work Project Designer, gave a presentation on his 7 years experience as disability program manager and the progress of the pilot program. The goal is to help participants become work ready and partner with One-Stop systems. They plan to have the program active by March. Patrick explained that Dan and Melissa have been greatly committed to the program on behalf of DES. Dan is based at the West Valley Career Center where technology and resources are highly advanced.

Dan will distribute a summary report on his presentation. He can be reached at (602) 372-4239.

5. Assistant Director’s Report – For Information Only

- a. *GPEC Skills Gap Presentation and ACA Sector Strategy* - Patrick reviewed his presentation to GPEC the prior afternoon. He suggested that due to a skills gap in the labor force, that another layer of outreach should be added beyond the sector strategy. High end talent has been absorbed – labor market has shifted. 600,000 high end manufacturing jobs have not been filled because there is no labor left. 25 companies in Austin, Texas tried to recruit talent in California and were unsuccessful. Patrick suggested that the economic development community needs to address absorbing a growing labor force with skill gaps and barriers. Patrick recommended following the lead of other states by holding a skills gap summit. He suggested that companies are recruiting top performing students, so the talent pool from universities would be shrunk by 75%. Barry Broome is willing to spearhead the summit during the early part of next year. The economic development community appeared responsive to his presentation and key players are supportive of Patrick’s lead.
- b. *Potential LWIA Realignment* – The state has undertaken a study, and is circulating a proposal that may realign the entire workforce system. The effort may involve realigning two small areas into one or merging all state LWIA’s into one statewide system.

Sheila Paul Shedd, Manager at the Governor’s Council on Workforce Policy, explained that the study has been taken on by the Arizona Commerce Authority’s WIA committee – there are 8 or 9 options. The end goal is to create efficiencies within the system. State resources continue to reduce each year and some areas are

having challenges meeting compliance. Greenlee, Graham and Cochise are in a merger process. Maricopa, Phoenix and Pima can opt out because they meet the population exemption level. The options in the study are not the only options being considered. The next committee meeting will be on January 5th to prepare a recommendation for the Council at the January 19 meeting. The recommendation may more likely come in April.

Sheila explained that the ROI committee is reviewing return on investment to show that the program is working. Numbers not currently in VOS are being collected to expand the picture. There is also a committee on education and one on sector strategies to include workforce and education issues.

Sheila can be reached at (602) 845-1241, www.azcommerce.com.

- c. *Federal Budget and Appropriations Update* – Maricopa County is in budget season. The congressional appropriations bill is currently being processed. WIA funds to states have a proposed 7% cut of \$179.8 million. Patrick has prepared for a larger cut so 7% would be relatively good news. Job Corps is \$6 million above the President's request. WIA was not hit as hard as it could have been. Operational status will be healthy.

6. Call to the public – no public comments

7. Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 10:21 a.m.