

**MARICOPA WORKFORCE CONNECTIONS, INC.
 FULL BOARD MEETING
 Human Services Campus
 230 S. 12th Avenue
 Phoenix, Arizona**

Minutes
 February 23, 2006

1. Call to Order

Committee Chair Richmond Vincent called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Present:	Absent/Excused:	Staff Present:
Neil Alexander	Susan Andrews (E)	Dawna Taylor
Jane Fletcher	Jolynn Clarke (E)	Myriam Corral
Richard Hansen	Tom Colombo (E)	
Bill Harrington	Rex Critchfield (E)	Guest:
Marion Kelly	Camille Donaldson (E)	Mary Rose Wilcox
Blair Liddicoat	Rebecca Flanagan (E)	David Smith
Gabe Loyola	John Garza (E)	Charmaine Gudeon
Tony Maldonado	Belinda Hansen (A)	Rich Fraizer
Charles McCarty	Brian Mohr (E)	Mike McQuaid
Roderick Miller	Barbara Stahl (E)	Mark Hollaran
Brian Mohr	Therese Valadez (E)	
Ted Murphree	Dale Volz (E)	
Bob Neckes	Craig Warren (A)	
Jim Ponte	Nancy Welch (A)	
Steve Prokopek		
Pam Ross		
Susan Schmidt		
Annette Stein		
Karen Thorne		
Janine Tilli		
Richmond Vincent		
Mike Wall		
Ann Marie Whitacre		

3. Greeting and Services Available through the Human Services Campus

Chairman Richmond Vincent welcomed and thanked all the board members and guests for attending.

Member Annette Stein introduced David Smith, Maricopa County Chief Administrative Officer. Mr. Smith welcomed the members to the Homeless Campus and addressed Maricopa County's homeless problem. He stated that 220 cities and counties have made it their mission to end the homeless problem

over a period of 5 to 10 years and that although it is not a legal obligation, it is a moral obligation, regardless of the political spectrum. The Homeless Campus is a collaborative effort on behalf of numerous local agencies and a gift from the people of Maricopa County. To convey the message of hope, a rising sun was incorporated into the logo.

The importance of having the Board meeting at the Human Services Campus was to showcase to the business community the services offered through the campus. Mr. Smith asked the board to brainstorm on how they could help the Campus' clients to shorten their time in crisis. Maricopa County Board of Supervisor, Mary Rose Wilcox, added that a collaboration of agencies and joint efforts between Maricopa Workforce Connections and Phoenix Workforce Connection could help the homeless population to secure employment opportunities. This would result in helping them to get back on their feet. The board discussed training opportunities that would help the homeless population achieve self-sufficiency. Chairman Vincent assured Mr. Smith that the board would revisit this topic at future meetings to see if they could help establish an initiative that would help the Campus achieve their goal.

Member Ann Marie Whitacre gave an overview of the services provided by Central Arizona Shelter Services (CASS) at the Homeless Campus. These services include:

- Transportation
- Transactional Work
- Provide them with breakfast and lunch
- Workshops provided by MWC
- Assist in getting them out of poverty.

Member Steve Prokopek inquired about the education level of the people receiving services. Mike McQuaid from the Maricopa County Homeless Campus reported that less than two percent have a college degree and that not having the required education has been an obstacle in job placement. However, three quarters of the population at the Homeless Campus is employable.

4. Approval of Minutes

Chair Vincent called for a motion to approve the December 9, 2005, board minutes. Member Rick Hansen made a motion to approve the December 9, 2005, meeting minutes. Member Ted Murphree seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

5. Board Activities

6. Committee, Council & Task Force updates on strategic planning goals

Development Committee - Chair Jane Fletcher reported that the committee was tasked with filling the vacancies on the board. The committee is actively seeking private sectors membership and looking for West Valley representation. Ms.

Fletcher asked members to please forward any nominations to the Development Committee as soon as possible.

Youth Council - Chair Chuck McCarty reported that the council will be establishing sub-committees to focus on the council's goals. He also reported that the program is currently in the Request for Proposal (RFP) process.

Task Force – Chair Steve Prokopek reported that the task force is focusing on meeting Intel's needs and reviewing a long-term strategies to get skilled people to that industry. He reported that the Batell Study has been very helpful. He reported that the task force will approach this as a business to identify the needs of the business.

Operations Committee - Not available for reporting.

7. Avondale Site Selection- Action

Member Susan Schmidt presented an action item to approve the intent of the division to continue to pursue a new facility in Avondale with the provision that the Board is provided updates on a regular basis regarding progress and issues. She stated that the need to move the Peoria One Stop Career Center were based on:

- space needs
- current shape of Peoria facility
- geographical location

The new center will accommodate a Business Services facility, a Youth One Stop area, and enough space for the partners as required under the WIA law. The new space will allow for development of new partnerships, program design, and community use that is currently not possible in Peoria due to space restrictions.

Gabe Loyola made a motion to approve the Avondale One Stop facility location with the ability to pursue other options, if needed. Ted Murphree seconded the motion. The motion carried.

8. Training Program updates/approvals- Action

Susan Schmidt presented the action item to approve all training programs that have been submitted to the Maricopa Workforce Connections board. She informed the board that staff had approved the following programs:

- Section A - Provisional Approval Process
- Section B – Tuition Increase Request under the 20% cap
- Section C - Tuition Increases - Increase request exceeds 20% cap
- Section D – New Training Programs.

Ms. Schmidt stated that all of the programs listed reflect a 10% growth rate or greater under the General Occupational Growth Rate.

Board members held a discussion on the New Training Applications and Changes Requested for December 2005 and January and February 2006. The Board decided not to approve the #4550 Auto Dealership Institute. There was no reason stated on the program increase as to why it exceeded the 20% tuition increase cap.

Charles McCarty made a motion to approve the training programs with the exception of #4550 on section C. Rick Hansen seconded the motion. The motion carried.

9. Governor's Council Update

Board member Pam Ross reported that the Governor's Council met on February 7, 2006. She reported that the monitoring review will take place March 13-24, 2006. The Council agreed to review the Virtual One Stop (VOS) system. The Governor's office will submit a letter to the Government Information Technology Agency (GIITA) requesting a review of the VOS system.

10. Director's Report

Chairman Vincent tabled this discussion.

11. Chair Comments

Chairman Vincent introduced Charmaine Gudeon with YMCA Chandler and Rich Frazier from CHW Foundation East Valley. Ms. Gudeon provided information on the "I Learn Program" that helps youth to graduate. Mr. Frazier spoke about the collaborating efforts between Chandler Regional Hospital and Mercy Gilbert Medical Center which is opening in June. He spoke about the partnerships that are being formed with the Community Colleges to assist in removing barriers to staff the hospitals.

12. Call to the Public

No members from the public were present.

13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.