

MARICOPA WORKFORCE CONNECTIONS, INC.
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Maricopa County Human Services Department
234 N. Central Ave., 3rd floor Phoenix, AZ
Arizona Conference Room

Revised Minutes
October 26, 2006

1. Call to Order

Chairman Vincent called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

2. Roll Call : Quorum

Present:	Absent/Excused:	Guest/Staff Present:
Richmond Vincent	Charles McCarty (E)	Jody Ryan, ADOC
Marion Kelly	Susan Andrews (E)	Pam Ross
Bob Neckes		Mike Wall
Jane Fletcher		Jodi Hall
Steve Prokopek		Sergio Escamilla
Susan Schmidt		Diana Shepherd
		Myriam Corral
		Sherri Connell

3. GCWP Update

Jody Ryan, Director of Workforce Policy for the Arizona Department of Commerce, reported that Governor Napolitano requested the Governor’s Council on Workforce Policy (GCWP) focus on three business critical areas a year ago of which they are 1) Operations in the one-stops, 2) Marketing Business Services and 3) Labor Market Information.

GCWP is still in the midst of compiling system-wide operations data. The legislature requested a comprehensive report from the GCWP that reflects how much money was invested in workforce development and whether the statewide system was meeting their performance. All state counties received \$38K-\$39K of the Governor Set-A-Side funds to focus on business outreach. Ms. Ryan has requested a report from all counties that indicate the remaining balance of these funds to present at the next council meeting in December.

Maricopa County provided the state with procedures for small businesses for the Employed Worker Training Program. Ms. Ryan reported that the state intends to use these procedures as part of a statewide training for newly hired business services representatives. Maricopa County has requested to use part of the Governor’s Set-A-Side funds for small business owners who are unable to provide 50% of the Employed Worker Training costs required by the current legislation in order to participate in the program. This request has yet to be cleared by the state.

The GCWP set aside \$180K to research state labor market information a year and a half ago of which it will become part of a collaborative effort based on indicators such as economic and workforce development and education to compile localized data.

4. Committee Reports

Chuck McCarty was excused therefore there was not a Youth Council update provided.

Steve Prokopek stated the Ad hoc Task Force has not met so there is nothing to report at this time.

Jane Fletcher reported that the Development Committee is currently seeking to recruit a Post-Secondary Education vacancy for the Youth Council and a Community Based Organization (CBO)

representative for the MWC Full Board. In addition, the committee is looking at addressing sector status changes as a result from a change in employment. Marion Kelly recommended Dr. Paul Eppinger from the Arizona Interfaith Movement to be considered for the CBO vacancy. Ms. Fletcher also mentioned the Development Committee was considering Marie Sullivan from AWEE.

Chairman Vincent reported that the Operations Committee has been assigned to identify and define the system in order to collaborate with the board to create a comprehensive system-wide report. He further stated a more elaborate committee report will be presented once an Operations Chair has been determined at the Full Board meeting.

5. NAWB Update

Chairman Vincent clarified that the National Association of Workforce Boards is to solely represent the Local Workforce Investment Boards (LWIB's), not the state. He focused his discussion on the national LWIB trends that included consolidation with other organizations such as with the Chamber of Commerce; narrowing down and mastering industry clusters in which the Ad hoc Task Force has been assigned; engaging in contractual agreements similar to MOU's with local employers; implementing 501c3 as a way to gain additional funding streams. Susan Schmidt explained that the legislation does allow for space to be rented out to businesses for reasons such as recruitment; however, any revenue would still be considered federal dollars thus all financial gain would have to be recycled back into business services through restricted funds within the same year.

6. Catholic Healthcare West Request for Partnership

Chairman Vincent mentioned that Catholic Healthcare West (CHW) has asked MWC to participate as part of the East Valley Healthcare Education Consortium along with the Chandler Unified School District, Gilbert Public Schools, Chandler-Gilbert Community College, Arizona State University and CHW. Steve Prokopek supported the request stating that this is clearly an indicator of market demand and one of the directions of workforce development. Ms. Schmidt suggested an invitation be extended to CHW to participate in a roundtable at the Workforce Summit. Chairman Vincent concurred.

7. MWC Audit Report

It was determined that this report should be channeled through the Operations Committee.

8. Call to Public

No members from the public were present.

9. Adjournment

Chairman Richmond Vincent adjourned the meeting at 9:20 a.m.