



Maricopa County Workforce Development Board – Regionalism & Sustainability Workgroup Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 6, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

Advanced Business Learning
125 S. 52nd Street, Tempe, AZ 85281

Phone: 1-855-506-9695 Conference ID: 719959

Members Present: Tom Jenkins, Shawn Hutchinson, Gregg Ghelfi, Alex Jovanovic, Tina Wadham and Reid Graser (by phone)

Members Absent: None

Guests: LaSetta Hogans, Rob Stenson, Sheila Murphy, Tracey Regenold, Michelle Jameson (by phone)

Call to Order

Regionalism & Sustainability Workgroup (RSW) meeting called to order at 9:03 a.m.

WDB Liaison, Nancy Avina, took roll; a quorum of the workgroup was present.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Newly appointed workgroup lead, Tom Jenkins, asked for a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes. Shawn Hutchinson made a motion, Gregg Ghelfi seconded the motion. All were in favor; motion carried.

Workgroup Activities

Tom Jenkins, summarized focus of RSW, views of both regionalism and sustainability and WIOA funding trends.

Review of Action Items from Previous Meeting

Tom Jenkins provided a summary of the Technology Workgroup progress and how the work of the group has now been taken on by the Workforce Arizona Council and has been assigned to the Measuring Effectiveness Committee of the State Workforce Board to continue efforts to explore effective technology solutions for Arizona. Tom Jenkins confirmed interest and desire for MCWDB and City of Phoenix WDB

Review of Workgroup Goals, Strategies & Actions

Tom Jenkins led discussion regarding exploring a formal regionalism partnership between the MCWDB and City of Phoenix WDB. Discussion held on how to approach business service regional opportunities between business that can strategically align services to in-demand industry needs with career services input across Maricopa County and City of Phoenix with interest expressed from Pinal County to join as appropriate.

Brief overview provided from Tina Wadham on current Maricopa County Business Service delivery highlighting partnerships with Town of Wickenburg, Peoria and Tempe.

Tom Jenkins discussed research and best practices recommended by NASWA – National Association of State Workforce Agencies. Kinexsus in Michigan was recommended by NASWA to review for effective strategies to address employer solutions, career pathways and job placement.

Opportunities to conduct further research were also discussed with Denver, CO and San Bernardino, CA.

The strategic planning consultant, Dr. Murphy led review and discussion of actions taken to date by workgroup along with an overview of how all strategic planning will culminate and be presented at the WDB's meeting in August 2019. Workgroup discussion included researching varying board structures, benefits of leveraging non WIOA federal funds to serve job seekers and businesses especially marginalized populations; strategic pursuit of alternate funding that aligns with the documented needs of the region; and aligning resources to be most

impactful in providing services to employers and job seekers. The Workgroup then spent some time discussing best practice models and potential site visits to Denver and San Bernardino to learn how they are leveraging local area structure, partnerships and funding.

Assignments & Next Steps

Requested by:	Item	Assigned to:	Due Date
RSW	Explore setting up a meeting between the Executive Committees of both the MCWDB and City of Phoenix WDB	Patricia Wallace LaSetta Hogans	6/30/19

Call to the Public

Tom Jenkins called for public comment. No public comment.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

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