

**WORKFORCE ARIZONA COUNCIL – QUALITY WORKFORCE
COMMITTEE AGENDA**

Tuesday, April 27, 2021
1:00 p.m.

Via Zoom: <https://azcommerce.zoom.us/j/95168073217>

Members Present

Mark Gaspers - Boeing
Susan Anable - Cox Communications
Larry Lucero - Tucson Electric Power
Thomas Winkel - Arizona Coalition for Military Families

Members Absent

Todd Graver - Freeport-McMoRan

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. Welcome

Committee Chair Gaspers welcomed everyone to the meeting.

3. Call to the Public

No public comments were received.

4. Eligible Training Provider Policy & Procedures - Discussion

a. Training Provider Summary

Ashley Wilhelm, Council Manager, explained to the Committee the purpose of the Eligible Training Provider List and the roles the State and Local areas have within the current process for approving and monitoring eligible training providers. A summary of the number of training providers, number of training started and completed, and the employment outcomes of the completed training was provided to the Committee.

b. National Skills Coalition - Quality Non-Degree Credentials

Ashley Wilhelm stated that Arizona was selected to participate in a workshop series hosted by the National Skills Coalition. A cross-agency team was put together to participate. This series will focus on defining quality credentials, identifying and validating the value of non-degree credentials, prioritizing credentials and their stackability, ensuring the career pathways are equitable and identifying policies and strategies that will drive attainment in the priority quality non-degree credentials.

5. WIOA Formula Allocation - Discussion and Vote

a. Program Year '21 Allocation

The Committee discussed the WIOA requirements of developing allocation formulas to distribute funding to the local areas. Staff explained the allocation process from the U.S. Department of Labor (U.S..DOL) to the State and the State to the Local areas. The Program Year 21 annual allocation for Arizona was \$94.9 million which was a 9% decrease from the previous program year. A review was given on the distribution methods and options available for funding. There are 6 funding allocation options calculated based on the formula requirements prescribed by the U.S. DOL.

The Committee was provided factors to consider when reviewing the funding allocation calculations. The options are based on estimates that have been provided by U.S. DOL. After discussion the Committee recommended the Council consider funding the local areas using the U.S. DOL estimates for the following options: Adult program - Option 2(b), Dislocated Worker program - Option 6 and Youth program - Option 1 with the ability to review the options once the final funding allocation numbers are received from U.S. DOL. Thomas Winkel moved to make the recommendation as indicated. Larry Lucero seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

b. Future Program Year Process and Policy Development

The Committee then discussed how to address the formula allocation policy and procedure in future program years. The Committee asked for a more in-depth conversation at a future meeting to discuss what factors should be considered when developing a policy and procedure to determine which formula allocation option targets the funding to meet the goals of the workforce system.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:33 p.m.