



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

Monday, February 4, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

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Members Present: Drew Thorpe, Stacey Faulkner, Gregg Ghelfi, Shawn Hutchinson (phone), Tom Jenkins, Alex Jovanovic (phone), and Tina Wadham.

Members Absent: Reid Graser and Tom Jenkins.

Call to Order

Regionalism & Sustainability Workgroup (RSW) meeting initiated by Workgroup Lead, Drew Thorpe, at 9:21 a.m. Management Analyst, Isabel Creasman, took roll; a quorum of the Workgroup was present.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Mr. Thorpe, asked for a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes. Gregg Ghelfi made a motion, Stacey Faulkner seconded the motion. All were in favor; motion carried.

Workgroup Composition

Lead, Drew Thorpe, discussed the Workgroup's composition and requested input from Workgroup members on additional people who should be included in this group to ensure we have all relevant perspectives at the table.

From Operations: Stacey Faulkner, Workforce Program Manager, suggested the inclusion of Rob Stenson and Kelly Hart. Ms. Faulkner mentioned that she had discussed the purpose of this Workgroup and noted these individuals had expressed an interest in participating in the Workgroup. Ms. Faulkner will forward the meeting invitations to these individuals.

From the City of Phoenix Workforce Board: Ms. LaSetta Hogans, Executive Director of the City of Phoenix Workforce Development Board, noted that Michelle Jameson, who oversees the service delivery committee and works directly with operations staff, might be a good fit. Ms. Hogans said she would connect with Ms. Jameson to see if she would be interested in joining this Workgroup. She will also consider who else might be appropriate to include in this Workgroup.

Review of Action Items from Previous Meeting

Mr. Thorpe provided a summary of a meeting with Tom Jenkins, Ron Painter (NAWB President), and other NAWB staff. The meeting's purpose was to discuss the varying board structures throughout the nation. Mr. Thorpe briefly reviewed West Michigan's structure with the Workgroup. Discussions and information gathering will continue at the NAWB Forum in March. Mr. Thorpe also provided an overview of the top foundations in AZ, which include: AZ Community Foundation (provides workforce funding), Petsmart (no workforce dollars), Virginia Piper Trust (provides workforce funding), Helios Education Foundation (provides funding for secondary education), and Freeport McMoRan Foundation (has an apprenticeship program).

Isabel Creasman provided the AZ perspective on board structures and alternative funding based on discussions with Ashley Wilhelm, Workforce Arizona Council Manager, and Dorothee Harmon, Division Manager for the Pima Country Grants Management and Innovation Department. Dr. Creasman summarized these discussions for the

Workgroup. In Arizona, two boards, SE Arizona and Yuma, are charter schools; the local area that has a record for successfully and continuously obtaining other sources of funding is Pima County. Some of the best practices discussed during these meetings included ensuring that there was an established vision and goal prior to engaging other partners and pursuing additional funding. Of importance is also the need to build a coordinated, collaborative system where partners share in the funding and where you have the trust of all system partners. In addition, prior to applying for funds, it is important to examine the grant requirements carefully to ensure all requirements can be met.

Review of Workgroup Goals, Strategies & Actions

Mr. Thorpe reviewed two prompts the he and Dr. Sheila Murphy, the MCWDB’s Strategic Planner, developed. The first prompt reviewed with the Workgroup was: *Are the strategies that have been developed for Goals 3 & 4 sufficient?* Mr. Thorpe then proceeded to review the strategies with the group and provided a status update on each of these. The second prompt for the Workgroup was: *Develop as many actions as possible for each strategy.* To address these prompts, Dr. Sheila Murphy then led the Workgroup on a discussion of why this Workgroup is looking to form a regional workforce development entity. Some of the benefits discussed by Workgroup included: the ability to serve more job seekers and businesses; a reduction in duplication; and increasing the kinds and depth of services provided to employers and job seekers. The Workgroup then spent some time discussing the actions necessary to establish the strategic advantage of a regional entity.

Assignments & Next Steps

Requested by:	Item	Assigned to:	Due Date
Drew Thorpe	Forward Workgroup meeting invitations to City of Phoenix staff, Rob Stenson, & State staff, Kelly Hart.	Stacey Faulkner	By next meeting: 3/4/19
Drew Thorpe	-Invite City of Phoenix Board member, Michelle Jameson, to join Workgroup. -Consider who else would be appropriate to include in this Workgroup from the City of Phoenix	LaSetta Hogans	By next meeting: 3/4/19
RSW	Obtain feedback from state, city, and county staff on the actions discussed during the meeting.	Stacey Faulkner	By next meeting: 3/4/19
RSW	Obtain feedback from city staff on the actions discussed during the meeting.	LaSetta Hogans	By next meeting: 3/4/19

Call to the Public

Workgroup Lead, Drew Thorpe, called for public comment. No public comment.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 10:42 a.m.

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