

WORKFORCE ARIZONA COUNCIL – STATE PLAN TASK FORCE MINUTES

Wednesday, August 28, 2019, 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

100 N 7th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85007, Suite 100, Camelback Conference Room
Conference Line: 1-240-454-0879, Access Code: 280-993-715

Members

Dawn Grove – Karsten Manufacturing
Michael Traylor – Department of Economic Security
Sandra Watson – Arizona Commerce Authority
Sheryl Hart – Arizona Department of Education, Adult Education

1. Welcome and Introductions

The State Plan Task Force was called to order at 8:45 A.M. Chair Grove provided a brief welcome.

2. Call to the Public

No comments were made.

3. In-Demand Industries – Discussion and Possible Action

Mark Gaspers, Workforce Arizona Council, presented the In-Demand Industries being recommended by the workgroup comprised of Local Workforce Development Boards, Workforce Arizona Council members, and ARIZONA@WORK program leaders. Sandra Watson asked if the projected growth for the industries was based on historical data. It was pointed out that the projected growth was based on historical data but the workgroup gained insight from economic development and industry hiring professionals to ensure that the current and future known anecdotes were also used when make the recommendation. Ms. Watson then asked if the rural area economies were looked at to ensure that the industries chosen covered the state. Mark stated that the rural communities were considered and directed the Task Force members to review a table presented to show the availability of the industries in each County.

a. Vote to Recommend In-Demand Industries for Council Approval to Include in the Arizona State Plan

Sandra Watson moved to recommend the Council approve the inclusion of the recommended in-demand industries in the State Plan. Michael Traylor seconded. The motion was approved.

4. In-Demand Occupations – Discussion and Possible Action

Sheryl Hart, Workforce Arizona Council, presented the In-Demand Occupations being recommended by the workgroup. Ms. Hart explained the star rating being presented for use to rank the occupations by educational level. A question was asked from the public to

inquire if the star rating could be made available and used at a local level to inform their in-demand occupations to focus training dollars. They were informed that the star rating can be done at a local level based on the occupations available in that area. There was an additional question asked from the public to know if the Arizona Career Readiness Credential (ACRC) can be matched with the occupations. The Task Force thanked the gentleman for his suggestion and would request that the ACRC be matched with the 3-5 star occupations.

a. Vote to Recommend In-Demand Occupations for Council Approval to Include in the Arizona State Plan

Michael Traylor moved to approve using the 3-5 star occupations as the in-demand occupations identified in the State Plan. Sandra Watson seconded. The motion was approved.

5. Strength and Weakness – Discussion and Possible Action

Mark Gaspers, Workforce Arizona Council, reviewed the strengths and weaknesses that were recommended by the workgroup. Strengths and weaknesses were collected during the Workforce Leaders Convening, through a survey sent to local workforce development boards and through a workgroup meeting with a variety of ARIZONA@WORK partners in attendance.

After discussion by the Task Force an additional weakness was added to the category of efficient and accountable government.

a. Vote to Recommend Strengths and Weaknesses for Council Approval to Include in the Arizona State Plan

Sheryl Hart moved approval of the 5 strengths and 8 weaknesses, as amended for approval to be included in the State Plan. Michael Traylor seconded. The motion was approved.

6. Goals – Discussion and Possible Action

Dawn Grove, Workforce Arizona Council, presented the recommended goals based on the priorities set by the Governor for the State of Arizona.

a. Vote to Recommend Goals for Council Approval to Include in the Arizona State Plan

Michael Traylor moved approval of the recommended goals. Sheryl Hart seconded. The motion was approved.

7. Adjournment

Sandra Watson moved to adjourn the meeting. Sheryl Hart seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 AM.