

WORKFORCE ARIZONA COUNCIL – QUALITY WORKFORCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

Via Zoom: <https://azcommerce.zoom.us/j/99151413636>

Committee Members in attendance:

Mark Gaspers - Boeing

Thomas Winkel - Arizona Coalition for Military Families

1. Call to Order - 1:00 p.m.

Committee Chair Mark Gaspers welcomed those attending. He acknowledged and thanked the staff of the Office of Economic Opportunity and the guest speakers for today's meeting.

2. Welcome and Meeting Logistics

Mark Gaspers called the meeting to order, noted upcoming meeting dates. He congratulated **Grant Quezada and Founding Fathers Collective, who was honored in Washington DC at the National Association of Workforce Boards as the recipient of the 2022 W.O. Lawton Award.** He also congratulated the team from Yavapai County.

3. Call to the Public

Teri Drew requested that formula allocations had local input

4. Arizona Career Readiness Credential (ACRC) Update

Andy Ridley, ACRC Program Manager, presented updates to the Council and recent enrollment numbers. He also share that the State Board of Education approved ACRC .5 points of credit to schools' annual achievement profile (A-F School Grade) In addition, the ACRC program has been renewed for 5 more years, and in July a companion assessment and skill development in Digital Literacy will be added.

5. EDSI Arizona Journey Map Closeout

Ken Mall with EDSI reviewed the final Journey Closeout Mapping Processes report. He explained the process of the journey mapping, with most local areas participating and receiving a composite journey map for their own site. He shared both challenges with job seekers and employers. Recommendations were made, and next steps will be addressed further in the coming months.

Committee Member Thomas Winkel inquired if everyone was receptive, Ken Mall indicated with changes in economy and staff turnover, they are doing their best. Mr. Mall suggested creating working groups and engaging staff members to develop solutions which will go a long way to helping staff members deal with job pressure.

Mr. Winkel also inquired if there was much variation between job centers and what other states may be doing that could assist Arizona. Mr. Mall indicated there were more commonalities than differences, and each job center needs to identify what they do well to make that their common standard of practice.

6. ETPL Policy Update

Ken Mall with EDSI indicated the draft is currently being completed and prepared to go out for public comment next week. He provided a high level overview of the new policy goals, both state and local area responsibilities, and the training provider registration process. The new policy will be submitted for review and approval to Council, and go into effect PY2022.

7. Establish WIOA Formula Allocation Policy & Procedure

a. Current State - Stacey Faulkner presented the PY22 Allocation Process. Planning estimates were sent out via email for review, with the majority votes received for all 3 funding streams. These included Adult, Dislocated Worker and Youth.

b. Future State – Ken Mall shared that the draft of the new streamlined Formula Funding Allocation Policy is finished and aligns Arizona with best practices. It supports the objectives described in the WIOA State Plan and complies with DOL-ETA requirements. It will be distributed for public comment, with a final policy submitted for review and approval to Council, to go into effect PY2023.

8. Adjournment 1:54 p.m.

Mark Gaspers noted that we are still waiting on approval from the State’s Board and Commission for the approval of the new WAC Members. He also thanked all OEO and DES Staff.

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to members of the Workforce Arizona Council Quality Workforce Committee and to the general public that the Committee will hold an electronic meeting, on Tuesday, January 25, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. via zoom.

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At its discretion, the Committee may consider and act upon any agenda item out of order. Members of the Committee may appear by telephone.