

MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING OF THE MARICOPA COUNTY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Thursday, December 17, 2020 – 9:30 a.m.

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Members Present: Bonnie Schirato (Ph.), Brent Downs (Ph.), Christine Colon (Ph.), Christopher Tafoya (Ph.), Collin Stewart (Ph.), Elizabeth E. Cole (Ph.), Erik Cole (Ph.), Gregg Ghelfi (Ph.), Loren Granger (Ph.), Marcia Veidmark (Ph.), Matthew McGuire (Ph.), Shawn Hutchinson (Ph), Stan Chavira (Ph.), Tina Drews (Ph.), Vanessa Andersen (Ph.)

Members Absent: Mark Wagner

Call to Order.

Interim Chairman, Matt McGuire, called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m., and requested roll call.

Roll Call.

Board Liaison, Nancy Avina took roll. Quorum was present.

Welcome and Opening Remarks.

Interim Chairman McGuire welcomed attendees to the meeting and provided a few open meeting reminders. He provided brief holiday season remarks as well as, remarks on a new agenda item “workforce impact statement”. Chairman McGuire reviewed the board’s vision, values and goals.

Workforce Impact Statement.

Board Member, Marcia Veidmark read a workforce impact statement on David, a veteran whom participated in the ARIZONA@WORK MC Smart Justice program, received the WIOA training grant and successfully obtained employment. Ms. Veidmark provided brief remarks on how the success story ties with SSC Underground experiences.

Consent Agenda.

Interim Chairman, McGuire, asked for a motion to approve items on the consent agenda. Christopher Tafoya made a motion; Tina Drews seconded the motion. Roll call vote held:

In favor: Bonnie Schirato, Brent Downs, Christine Colon, Christopher Tafoya, Collin Stewart, Elizabeth E. Cole, Erik Cole, Gregg Ghelfi, Loren Granger, Marcia Veidmark, Matt McGuire, Shawn Hutchinson, Stan Chavira, Tina Drews, Vanessa Andersen

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

Motion carried.

Chairman Report.

MCWDB Executive Director – Interim Chairman McGuire recognized Interim Executive Director, Bill Wiley for his work and expressed his appreciation for his professionalism and commitment. Board Member, Shawn Hutchinson briefly expressed his appreciation to both Bill Willey and Chairman McGuire.

Chairman McGuire announced Mr. Steve Clarks acceptance as Executive Director of the MCWDB, briefly provided introductory remarks on Mr. Clarks background and informed Mr. Clark would begin his new role on January 4th. Mr. Clark, who was on the phone, provided brief comments thanking the board for the opportunity.

New Board Members* - Interim Chairman McGuire, informed on open business seats on the board and encouraged board members to reach out to their networks and recommend candidates to Maricopa County Staff.

Status of 2018 Re-Certification – Interim Chairman McGuire briefly provided an update on the status of the 2018 re-certification. He informed on 2 outstanding issues: (1) final edits to the local plan and (2) grievances filed by current and former board members.

Executive Director Report

Interim Executive Director, Bill Wiley provided an update on the following:

Service Trends – a quick summary was provided on the service trends: (1) on the number of people walking in to the two Maricopa County Career centers; and (2) those that are getting services under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. Mr. Wiley shared concerns on services trends for thought and further discussion in the future. Interim Chairman McGuire agreed a deep dive should be taken to understand trends and improve those.

Mr. Wiley also shared information on Maricopa County recognition received from DOL, as #1 for apprenticeships in the Country and recognized Deb Furlong for leading the program. Interim, Chairman McGuire thanked Ms. Furlong for her leadership in the area.

One Stop Operator – An update was shared on possibly working with the City of Phoenix on the One Stop Operator. A request was received to participate in the City of Phoenix selection committee. Staff is still planning to develop a scope of work and rfp process separately, but will continue to work with City of Phoenix in for consistency.

2020 Re-Certification – An update was provided on 2020 Re-certification due on January 4th. Mr. Wiley reviewed the list of requirements for the 2020 re-certification and spoke to the work needed to be completed. He also shared where to find draft documents on the ARIZONA@WORK website for feedback including on draft board trainings.

New Policies – A summary of each draft policy was provided – conflict of interest, monitoring and oversight, work-based training services and training service limits. Q/A and discussion on policies held – Interim Chairman McGuire touched on process of reviewing the policies prior to approving to ensure an efficient process. Various concerns were brought forth – including on corrections needed and need for staff to conduct monitoring and oversight.

Comments were made on movement on the strategic side and looking at service trends; board member Mr. Tafoya volunteered to lead a committee around the topic. Interim Chairman McGuire expressed support in discussing further in the next year and evaluating committee structures.

Other questions were brought forth regarding services limits and who sets those as well as on ETPL requirements. Discussion and clarification was held on the topic and historical information on past actions and discussions held. A board member suggested ensuring that ETPL requirement was present in the policy. Request to review previous meeting minutes was made to review votes on the topic and revise the policy. Interim Executive Director requested board members submit proposed changes. Brief discussion was held on whether the policies need to go out to public comment; Interim Chairman McGuire informed it did not, but confirmation would be sought from Legal.

Fiscal Report

WIOA Fiscal Agent, Nicole Forbes presented on FY2021 WIOA Budget to Actuals; details on WIOA funding was shared. Ms. Forbes also shared on a DES BFY21 annual fiscal monitoring that resulted in now findings or areas of concern and placed the sub0recipient as low risk. Brief question/comments made by Chairman McGuire.

Committee Reports.

Executive Committee

Interim Chairman McGuire provided a brief summary of the Executive Committee meetings previously held for Executive Director interviews and informed the last meeting was cancelled.

Youth Committee

Chair of the Youth Committee, Elizabeth E. Cole provided a summary of the last youth committee meeting and the presentation received by Kristi Tate from Center for the Future of Arizona on the Youth Progress Meter. Ms. Cole also spoke to other organizations to bring forward in upcoming meetings. Ms. Cole provided data on youth services as provided by the Service providers. Ms. Cole also highlighted a few youth successes stories.

A question was brought forth regarding a provision to cover workers that are in a WEX program that may be exposed to COVID and experience a long-term quarantine and still be compensated. Discussion held included, checking with DES-DERS Policy and get additional information/more specific advice and add to next Youth Committee agenda and Full Board.

Call to the Public.

Chairman McGuire made a call for public comment. Various public comments were made.

Mr. Tom Colombo asked to address board member questions regarding ETPL and expressed support. Mr. Colombo also addressed a program review that occurred, and that indicated no substantial findings as a Service Provider from a program and policy perspective.

Ms. Cole asked to circle back to ITA limitations and previous actions taken at the June 17th and March 26th meetings on a tiered approach to ITA limits, additional details on the meeting minutes were shared including on the 83 in-demand occupations. It was asked staff follow up on the topic and include in the policy.

Mr. Hutchinson expressed support of Ms. Cole's comments. Additionally, Mr. Hutchinson gave credit and recognition remarks to Mr. Colombo's team for their work on apprenticeships.

Adjourn.

Chairman McGuire adjourned the MCWDB meeting at 11:00 a.m.

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