



MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING OF THE
MARICOPA COUNTY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD YOUTH COMMITTEE

Thursday, November 7, 2024 – 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

The Agenda for the meeting is as follows:

Members Present: Anne Landers, JakinDee Kosaka, Barbara Coakley, Brittany Holmes, Meredith Critchfield, Jessica Putton, Robert Garcia

Members Absent: Che Collins, Liz Valdez, Tina Drews, Jessica Rivera-Garcia, Marie Raymond, Nancy Stanford

Call to Order.

Chair Anne Landers called the meeting to order at 1:32 pm and requested roll call.

Roll Call.

MCWDB Board Liaison, Julia Maciel Vargas, took roll. A quorum was not present.

Welcome, Opening Remarks, and Meeting Objectives.

Chair Landers welcomed everyone to the meeting and reviewed the objectives and goals for the committee.

Consent Agenda.

The Committee did not vote on the consent agenda.

Chair Report.

Chair Landers shared that she is really eager and excited about the committee and the network becoming more interwoven. She is excited about the work that we can do and better serve the staff and have a better aggregate outcome.

Information/Discussion Only.

MCWDB Youth Success Story

Workforce Development Division Youth Program Manager, Jinkee Pacifico presented a recent success story.

Youth Apprenticeships

MCWDB In-Demand Careers and Apprenticeship Strategist Kaitlin Harris-Lange and Alejandro Esquivias gave an update on apprenticeships and preview of NAWDP. Below is a highlight of their presentation:

- Registered Apprenticeship Fair at East Valley Career Center
- Total of 17 Partners FY25
- Brought in different In-Demand Industries: Manufacturing, IT, Healthcare
- 12M ARPA Investment
- 1701 Total Apprentices Served
- 617 Active Apprentices

Questions:

- Are there any high-level thoughts or reactions or strategies for graded funding or anything like that you're exploring?
 - Constantly exploring additional grants that are available to see if there's any opportunity to supplement and kind of help mitigate the impact of ARPA going away.
 - The other thing is working with training providers to make sure their costs for their program are sustainable and being very transparent with them that we won't be able to support at the level we're at.
 - We're going to have to work with the committee and the board on prioritizing which programs we want to support moving forward.
- Can you tell us a little bit about when participants joined these apprenticeship programs?
 - We do track participation and successful completion of their first year.
- How do we ever capture data of how many of the youth that are being served are from our public schools in Arizona?
 - For the apprenticeship program in our space, the majority of our population is 18 and up. So our youth program ranges up to 25.
- Are you finding the demand for youth apprenticeships is also increasing or is that more of an aggregate?
 - We are still building some awareness around that. There is an opportunity to make more connections or some of the organizations that have programs that run very much like a pre-apprenticeship.

Workforce Development Division Youth Programming Update

Workforce Development Division Youth Program Manager, Jinkee Pacifico presented on Youth Programming. Below are some highlights from her presentation:

- Steps for Youth to connect to Career Pathways
 - Support Services
 - 230 Individual participants received support services
 - 314 Total number of services provided
 - Outreach Efforts
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Questions:

- Can you tell us a little bit more about any efficiencies or impacts you see from the team doing that internally versus retaining supports?
 - Our vendors have played a larger role in delivering some of the 14 elements.
 - By internalizing more of our elements, we found it as an opportunity to save money and be able to support our participants and make a bigger impact.

Summer Youth Project

Workforce Development Division Assistant Director Jared Beard gave an update on the Summer Youth Program that operated in 2023 and 2024. Below are highlights from his presentation:

- Targeted youth 16-21 years old
- Outside of Phoenix, BIPOC
- Components included Simple Enrollment, Wraparound Support, WEX Placement, and Incentives
- Providers did an excellent job of incorporating themselves into our normal operations and normalizing the center.
- \$1.8 Million over the last two summers.

Questions:

- From an ongoing sustainability, we have the \$400 ,000 to reallocate once that \$400 ,000 is used up this summer because it's ARPA funding. Is there ambition and desire to continue the program or has it run its course?
 - We are open to it, but the challenge is the budget. Do we want to focus on a summer program or have that program available year-round?

Call to Public.

Chair Landers made a call to the public for comments. No one spoke.

Adjourn.

Chair Landers adjourned the MCWDB Youth Committee meeting at 2:41 pm.
