

**MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING OF THE MARICOPA COUNTY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD**

**Wednesday, January 22, 2020 – 9:30 a.m.**

**WDB Staff Office**

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**Members Present:** Angie, Ferguson, Charisse Ward (Ph), David Drennon, Drew Thorpe, Elizabeth “E” Cole, Gregg Ghelfi, Julie Stiak, Mark Lashinske, Marla Lazere, Shawn Hutchinson, Tina Drews (Ph), Tom Jenkins, Vanessa Andersen

**Members Absent:** Neal Dauphin, Mark Wagner

**Call to Order**

Chairman, Drew Thorpe, called the Maricopa County Workforce Development Board (MCWDB) meeting to order at 9:29 a.m.

**Welcome, Introductions and Chair’s Remarks** – Chairman Thorpe welcomed board members and attendees to the meeting. Open meeting law reminders provided.

**Roll Call** – MCWDB Liaison, Nancy Avina took roll. Quorum was present.

**Consent Agenda Approval**

Chairman Thorpe asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda. David Drennon made a motion. Tom Jenkins seconded the motion.

All present were in favor. On the phone in favor: Charisse Ward, Tina Drews. Motion carried.

**Quarter 1 PY19 quarterly operations report summary\***

WDD Assistant Director, Tom Colombo provided an overview of Quarter 1 PY19 quarterly operations report, via a Power Point presentation (refer to meeting materials). Mr. Colombo reviewed:

- Q1 performance – a few questions were asked in relation to priorities regarding performance – Mr. Colombo shared he would consider number of placements as a priority however, performance required by DOL is important too. Brief discussion held.
- Overall expenditures were reviewed including expenditures for the youth program.
- Individuals served in Adult & Dislocated Worker and Youth programs as well as, priority populations served.
- Business services – a question was asked if comparisons are made against other states. Mr. Colombo informed they have not.
- Projects and program outreach. Brief questions on data.
- Additional questions addressed:
  - Youth allotments reduction – Mr. Colombo addressed reasoning for lowering amounts.

**Compliance status presentation and discussion**

**Partnership challenges, MCWDB personnel, Board direction**

Chairman Thorpe provided reflections over several past year activities. Mr. Thorpe expressed interest in reviewing and grounding the board on what WIOA is, activity to date and informing the board of past, current and future status of the MCWDB. Mr. Thorpe reviewed:

- WIOA overall information and changes to WIOA, the structure (governance) and key players in Arizona.
- Roles and responsibilities of the various parties under WIOA. Regulation 769.400 referenced in relation to WDB staff. Regulation 679.430 referenced in relation to multifunction entities. Examples from DOL trainings on scenarios to avoid shared.

- An MCWDB historical timeline was provided to date, in relation to the Shared Governance Agreement, identification of issues and attempts to resolve issues. Continued unresolved issues were shared as well as, issues highlighted by DOL through a report on conflict of interest and firewall issues. A historical timeline was also given regarding the activity and actions resulting from the Audit committee as well as other steps taken.
- Concerns regarding de-certification shared, as no agreement has been met. Chairman Thorpe expressed need to refocus efforts on a long-term solution going forward including focusing on the pieces the Full Board has oversight over. Number one goal of the board is to avoid de-certification.

### **Business case for an alternate board structure presentation**

Chairman Thorpe briefly introduced, CEO for Every Strength Counts, Lisa Rice. Ms. Rice thanked Chairman, Thorpe for providing a presentation with detailed background. Ms. Rice introduced herself and asked if any CEO representatives were present, none were identified. An overview was provided on what the PowerPoint presentation would cover. Ms. Rice covered:

- Pros of going 503(C)3.
- Cons of a 501(C)3 including, costs.
- Advice from other WDB's who are 501(C)3.
- De-certification impacts.
- Initial next steps were shared.
- Questions addressed:
  - How many boards have been de-certified? Ms. Rice informed there is no real record, there are a total of 3 within Florida she is aware about.

Chairman Thorpe provided brief summary comments.

### **Action items review resulting from meeting & Board member announcements**

Chairman Thorpe shared hope to bring a recommendation forward to the board at the next meeting.

Board Member Announcements:

- Ms. Cole – Introduction of Patrick Brown, who is replacing Nicholas DelSordi at the Department of Education.
- Ms. Cole – Youth Committee update on addition of 2 youth members and continued youth committee recruitment of a 9<sup>th</sup> and final member. A flyer will be sent to the board for distribution.
- Ms. Stiak – Informed Marie Sullivan was voted in as governing board chair for the Maricopa County Community College district. Working very closely with DES to support students.
- Ms. Lazere – Informed of Molly Bright acceptance of another position within DES; restructure and reassignments will be occurring.

### **Call to the Public**

A call for public comment was made.

- Mr. Steve Yamamori, President of Reveli Foundation – Update on pilot program with Republic Services and AZ@WORK Maricopa County and City of Phoenix. 50 registrations - 30 eligible participants through City of Phoenix. Board members made a request to learn more and asked to invite Mr. Yamamori to present at a future meeting.

### **Adjourn Full Board Meeting**

Chairman Thorpe, adjourned the meeting at 11:27 a.m.

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