

GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON WORKFORCE POLICY
Executive Committee Meeting
Arizona Department of Education
2005 N. Central, Suite 200, Phoenix AZ, 85007
Tuesday, October 20, 2009
Meeting Minutes Summary
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I. Call to order

Chairman Lovallo called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.; welcoming members and guests.

Roll Call

Pam Ross, Vice-chair

Donna Davis

Mary Vanis

Pat Harrington, Department of
Economic Security Designee

Jim Kooist, Department of Education
Designee

Sandra Watson, Department of
Commerce Designee

Telephonically

Lisa Lovallo, Chairman

Teri Drew, LWIA Designee

Staff Support

Jennifer Pittman-Leeper, GCWP Executive Director

Rosalyn Boxer, Director of Workforce Policy

Mark Darmer, Department of Economic Security

Carolyn Ufford, Department of Economic Security

Paul Franckowiak, Department of Education

II. Chairman's Report

None

III. Discussion & Action

a. Approval of Minutes of the June 18, 2009 and July 16, 2009 Meetings

- i. Vice Chairman Ross motioned to pass the June 18, 2009 minutes and the July 16, 2009 meeting minutes for Council's review and approval. Motioned seconded by Ms. Davis. Motion adopted.

b. Approval of the Bylaws

Ms. Pittman-Leeper asked the Executive Committee (E.C.) to pass Bylaws for the Council's approval at the next meeting, knowing that the Membership section will be revised for compliance.

Ms. Ross motioned to pass the GCWP Bylaws for review and approval at the Council meeting. Ms. Davis seconded the motion. Motion adopted.

c. Approval of the PY09 System Building and Set-Aside Budget

Mr. Darmer presented the PY09 System Building and Set-Aside Budget seeking final approval. The E.C recommended that those funds not allocated - \$246,815, be added to the System Building funds – Governor’s Council.

With no further discussion, Ms. Ross motioned to pass the PY09 System Building and Set-Aside Budget for Council’s approval with the unallocated funds - \$246,815 – be moved to the System Building allocation. Ms. Davis seconded the motion. Motion approved.

d. Approval of the System Building Scoring Committee

Ms. Pittman-Leeper reviewed the memorandum in the meeting materials. She indicated that the Committee would review proposals to assure compliance with WIA guidelines, and then the Grants will be scored according to the Council guidelines. Ms. Pittman-Leeper said that staff would notify all applicants of the Committee’s determination and report to the Council at future meetings.

Ms. Pittman-Leeper expressed that the committee could be comprised of, but not limited to, representatives from the Council, Commerce, DES, Education, LWIA, and business from rural and urban areas. Ms. Pittman-Leeper proposed a delegation of authority to the System Building Scoring Committee.

With no further discussion, Ms. Ross motioned to pass the proposal for Council’s approval. Mr. Harrington seconded the motion. Motion approved.

e. Approval of the Strategic Planning Committee

Ms. Pittman-Leeper reviewed the development of a strategic planning committee as presented in the meeting materials. Staff recommended at least the following representation on the committee: GCWP, Commerce, DES, Education, LWIA, Urban/Large Business Representative, and a Rural/Small Business Representative.

Dr. Vanis would like the Council to play a more active role on the development of the strategic plan such as online focus groups and blogs where the Council can provide feed back and come back with a recommended plan. Ms. Pittman-Leeper will look into this recommendation to verify that it doesn’t violate any Open Meeting Laws.

With no further discussion, Dr. Vanis motioned to pass the proposal for Council’s approval with the amendment to have more Council Members actively involve in the development of the plan. Mr. Harrington seconded the motion. Motion approved.

f. Approval of the LWIA Failing Performance Measure, Greenlee County

Ms. Ufford presented Greenlee County’s Failing Performance Measure. She indicated that for Program Year (PY) 2008, Greenlee County Local Workforce Investment Area (LWIA) failed to meet four WIA performance measures, and two performance measures were failed for two consecutive years - Older Youth Entered Employment and Older Youth Credential. Ms. Ufford said that in accordance with WIA Section

136(h)(2)(A), if a local area fails the same performance measures for two consecutive years, the Governor shall take corrective action(s), which may include development of a reorganization plan through which the Governor may—

- (i) require the appointment and certification of a new local board;
- (ii) prohibit the use of eligible providers and one-stop partners identified as achieving a poor level of performance; or
- (iii) take such other actions as the Governor determines are appropriate.

Ms. Ufford asked the E.C. to pass for Council's review and recommendations on what corrective actions should be implemented. Discussion about regionalizing the LWIA into another LWIA was considered as one of the top options. Ms. Pittman-Leeper recommended having Greenlee representation at the meetings.

Ms. Ross motioned to pass the LWIA Failing Performance Measure, Greenlee County for Council review, recommending regionalization as preferred corrective action due to demographics. Ms. Davis seconded the motion. Motion approved.

g. Approval of the LWIA Failing Performance Measure, NTNWB

Ms. Ufford presented to the NTNWB Failing Performance Measure. She indicated that for Program Year (PY) 2008, Nineteen Tribal Nations Workforce Investment Board (NTNWB) failed to meet two WIA performance measures. Of the two failed measures, one performance measure was for two consecutive years - Younger Youth Retention. Ms. Ufford said that in accordance with WIA Section 136(h)(2)(A), if a local area fails the same performance measures for two consecutive years, the Governor shall take corrective action(s), which may include development of a reorganization plan through which the Governor may—

- (i) require the appointment and certification of a new local board;
- (ii) prohibit the use of eligible providers and one-stop partners identified as achieving a poor level of performance; or
- (iii) take such other actions as the Governor determines are appropriate.

Ms. Ufford indicated that NTN is already a regional approach as it covers 13 Tribes. Ms. Ufford also pointed out that the NTN has improved their performance measure in the past few years.

Ms. Ross motioned to pass the LWIA Failing Performance Measure, NTNWB for council's recommendations, recommending a corrective action plan. Dr. Vanis seconded the motion. Motion approved.

h. Presentation of Ticket to Work

Ms. Boxer said that the director of the program will come to give a 10 min presentation to the Council. The program essentially is giving an incentive ticket to unemployed people with disabilities to come back to work without losing benefits for a number of months.

i. Update on the Local Plan Modifications

Ms. Ufford gave a brief update on the Local Plan Modification. With the additional workforce funding provided in support of ARRA, all LWIA were required to submit an update plan on July 30, 2009. The LWIA Modified Plan PY 2009 describes innovative strategies to meet the challenges of the economic downturn and the use of the additional funds provided under the ARRA. The Interagency Review Team comprised of the Arizona Department of Commerce, Arizona Department of Economic Security and Arizona Department of Education reviewed and continues to review the local plans for the past two months. Seven are ready for approval and the review team will reconvene next week to continue reviewing the remainder plans.

j. Update on the ARRA System Building Funds

Ms. Daniela Teran provided an update on the ARRA System Building Funds. She indicated that all ARRA System Building applications were considered and scored on an average point scale. Due to the limited availability of funds, the scoring committee awarded grants to the highest scoring applicants. Seven out of nine grant applications were approved.

k. Update on the SESP Grant

Ms. Boxer provided an update on the State Energy Sector Partnership and Training grant proposal. She said that the proposal was finalized on October 16th and sent to Washington DC in advance of the October 20th deadline. Ms. Boxer stated that the Aha! Consultants have submitted invoices totaling in excess of \$80,000.

Dr. Vanis expressed concern that the Council's intent of multiple consultants was not met. Ms. Boxer explained that while there were not separate consultants for each piece of the proposal, she believed that there was significant collaboration as the Council had wished.

l. Presentation about Website

Mr. Starns provided a quick review of the new website. Ms. Pittman-Leeper asked Members to log-in to the Council's new website at www.azworkforceconnection.com/newsite and to submit comments or questions to Dauids@azcommerce.com.

IV. Call to the Public

No comments were made.

V. Meeting Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 3:10 pm.