



GILA/PINAL WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD

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Conference Call: 480 – 367-6937 – Ext. 150

MAY 16, 2013

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

MINUTES

Members may participate by teleconference. .

I. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

II. Roll Call and Introductions

Members Present: Al Larson, Carol Daniel, Kim Rodriguez, Jack Beveridge, Marian Sheppard, Lynn Parsons, Joan Moore, Robert Duke, Jeri Byrne, Lisa Hernandez, Brad McCormack (Conference Call), Cliff Potts (Conference Call), Yvonne Jenkins (Conference Call), Adeline Allen, Udo Cook (Conference Call)

Guests/Staff Present: Sally Fulmer, Marty Clay, Nick Montague, Malissa Buzan, Cara Bryant, Susan Newby, Sheila Shedd, Joel Millman, Thomas Colombo, Janice Pratt, Frank Pratt, Lee French, Ken Hall, Julie Leonard, Christina Throop

III. Information/Discussion: Regarding Pinal County's announcement of its intention to begin the process to dissolve the Gila/Pinal Local Workforce Investment Area.

Adeline Allen stated that Pinal County Management has been looking at the structure of all the boards in Pinal County. Pinal County is looking at alternatives to the way the partnership with Gila County is set up. Two of the options Pinal County has been exploring are either a split of the two counties or changes in the fiscal agent. Ms. Allen stated there has been a lot of input from the public regarding some of the activity or inactivity that has been taking place and this is the reason why Pinal County is moving forward. Ms. Allen noted that his process will take a year. Malissa Buzan, Community Services Director, stated that Gila County was made aware of the potential split and Gila County is looking at options that would best benefit Gila County. Ms. Buzan stated that Gila County will not give up being Fiscal Agent.

Lynn Parsons asked "What is the advantage of separating?". Ms. Parsons concerned is that Pinal County will be absorbed by Maricopa County. Tom Colombo (ADES) stated that designation of a local workforce investment area is the responsibility of the Governor's office. A local governmental entity can petition to be a workforce area by submitting a letter to the Governor's office. Arizona Commerce Authority and ADES have been working with both County Managers for different scenarios and different

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perspectives if the split occurs. Arizona Commerce Authority has identified that Pinal County's best option would be to go Maricopa Workforce Area. A sub-committee could be set up as a regional board to cover the Pinal County decisions. Mr. Colombo stated that allocations are not based on population, but are based on substantial unemployment, mass lay off statistics.

Jeri Byrne asked that Pinal County keep the WIB informed as to the process of splitting the area. Discussion ended.

IV. Information/Discussion: Review funding status for Program Year 2011/Fiscal Year 2012 and Program Year 2012/Fiscal Year 2013.

Nick Montague reviewed the funding status for the Adult, Youth and Dislocated Workers for Program Year 2011/Fiscal Year 2012 and Program Year 2012/Fiscal Year 2013. A request was made to add the Dislocated Worker transfers to each program.

V. Information/Discussion: Central Arizona Governments, Central Arizona College, and REPAC program presentations for Program Year 2012.

Julie Leonard presented to the WIB an update of Central Arizona College Youth Program for Program Year 2012. Ms. Leonard reviewed enrollments (breakdown by town/city), training, and success coaches. M. Leonard stated that the Youth Program is on scheduled and all enrollments should be met by June 30, 2013.

Lee French presented to the WIB an update on Central Arizona Governments Adult Program for Program Year 2012. Ms. French stated that with additional \$150,000 received from the Dislocated Worker program participant numbers were increased to 198. Currently there are 133 adults being served in Pinal County and 51 in Gila County.

Christina Throop presented to the WIB an update on REPAC's Dislocated Worker Program for Program Year 2012. Ms. Throop provided an update on the number of Rapid Responses conducted this program year. Currently there are 35 participants being served in Gila County, 114 in Pinal County and 51 follow-up participants in Gila/Pinal Graham, Greenlee, and 19 in the Tribal nations.

VI. Information/Discussion/Action: Approval of extending the contract with Central Arizona Governments for Program Year 2013 to continue to provide services to the Adults in Gila and Pinal Counties from 7/1/2013 – 6/30/2014. Amount of contract is contingent upon final allocations from the Workforce Arizona Council.

Upon motion Jack Beveridge, seconded by Joan Moore, the Board unanimously approved the extending of the contract with Central Arizona Governments for Program Year 2013 to continue to provide services to the Adults in Gila and Pinal Counties from 7/1/2013 thru 6/30/2014. Amount of contract is contingent upon final allocations from the Arizona Workforce Council. Al Larson abstained from voting.

VII. Information/Discussion/Action: Approval of extending the contract with Central Arizona College for Program Year 2013 to continue to provide services to the Youth in

Gila and Pinal Counties from 7/1/2013 – 6/30/2014. Amount of contract is contingent upon final allocations from the Workforce Arizona Council.

Upon motion by Al Larson, seconded by Jack Beveridge, the Board unanimously approved the extending of the contract with Central Arizona College for Program Year 2013 to continue to provide services to the Youth in Gila and Pinal Counties from 7/1/2013 thru 6/30/2014. Amount of contract is contingent upon final allocations from the Arizona Workforce Council. Robert Duke abstained from voting.

VIII. Reports/Updates

A. One-Stop Committee

Kim Rodriguez reported on the HOHP Stand Down held in April at the Pinal County Fairgrounds. The Stand Down was well received from the Veterans in attendance and she thanked those who helped in this endeavor.

B. Empowerment Systems, Inc.

Jack Beveridge invited everyone to tour Empowerment Systems after the meeting.

C. WIB Program Manager's Report

D. Chairman's Report

Chairman Byrne asked that we proceed with business as usual until further details are brought forward on the WIA split between Gila and Pinal Counties.

IX. Consent Agenda – The following items listed under Consent Agenda will be considered as a group and acted upon by one motion with no separate discussion of said items, unless an LWIB Member so requests. In that event, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda for separate discussion and action.

A. Minutes

1. Approval of the WIB Meeting Minutes – February 22, 2013
2. Approval of the Executive Committee Minutes – December 20, 2012

Item A. 1 and 2 were removed from the agenda as no quorum was present at this time. Items will be presented at the next WIB meeting for approval.

X. Call to the Public is held for public benefit to allow individuals to address issue(s) within the Board's jurisdiction. Board members may not discuss items that are not specifically identified on the agenda. Therefore, pursuant to Arizona Revised Statute §38-431.01(H), action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the matter, responding to criticism, or scheduling the matter for further discussion and decision at a future date.

XI. Scheduling of Next Meeting – June 20, 2013

XII. Adjournment – Adjourned at 4:15 pm.