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MARICOPA COUNTY TRAVEL REDUCTION PROGRAM REGIONAL TASK FORCE Teleconference Meeting (all participants joined via GoToMeeting)

Jerry Geering, Chairman

June 16, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT

Annie Foster Jerry Geering
Kim Passante Sheila Johnson
Tina Wesoloskie

ABSENT

Chelsie Hockersmith
Jean Woltjer
Terry Solis

STAFF / VISITORS PRESENT

Kristen Weston-Smith, Morgan Wohlbrandt, Phil Cummings – Maricopa County TRP
Laura Jardieanu – Maricopa County Air Quality
Dean Giles – Maricopa Association of Governments
Peter Muthig – Deputy County Attorney
Abigail Cooksey-Williams – Valley Metro
Amanda Luecker – Arizona Department of Environmental Quality
David Dube – Maricopa County Public Health
Rebecca Shexnayder – Pinal County

Call to Order

Jerry Geering called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. (quorum present).

Meeting Minutes

Kim Passante motioned to approve the May 19, 2020 minutes and Annie Foster seconded. Sheila Johnson voted aye and the motion passed.

Plans Offered with “Reject” Recommendation

Banner Health – Kristen Weston-Smith said staff is requesting cosmetic changes and the TC needs more time. Sheila Johnson motioned to reject staff’s reject recommendation with 7 days to submit a revised plan and instead reject the submitted plan and give the employer 14 days to submit a revised plan. Kim Passante seconded. Annie Foster voted aye and the motion passed.

DoubleTree Suites by Hilton Hotel Phoenix – Kristen Weston-Smith said the organization is still open but considering closing and need time before revising plan. Annie Foster motioned to reject staff’s reject recommendation with 7 days to submit a revised plan and instead reject the submitted plan and give the employer 14 days to submit a revised plan. Sheila Johnson seconded. Kim Passante voted aye and the motion passed.

Gilbert Public Schools – Kristen Weston-Smith said the plan budget needs to be increased. Kim Passante motioned to reject staff’s reject recommendation with 7 days to submit a revised plan and instead reject the submitted plan and give the employer 14 days to submit a revised plan. Sheila Johnson seconded. Annie Foster voted aye and the motion passed.

Higley Unified School District – Kristen Weston-Smith said staff is requesting a restoration of the previous year’s plan measures and budget. Kim Passante motioned to reject staff’s reject recommendation with 7 days to submit a revised plan and instead reject the submitted plan and give

the employer 14 days to submit a revised plan. Annie Foster seconded. Sheila Johnson voted aye and the motion passed.

Investis Digital – Kristen Weston-Smith said this is a year one plan but not a year one company and that staff was requesting cosmetic revisions and documentation. Sheila Johnson motioned to reject staff's reject recommendation with 7 days to submit a revised plan and instead reject the submitted plan and give the employer 14 days to submit a revised plan. Kim Passante seconded. Annie Foster voted aye and the motion passed.

Performance Software Corporation – Kristen Weston-Smith said staff is requesting a restoration of a survey incentive and documentation needs to be supplied. Kim Passante motioned to reject staff's reject recommendation with 7 days to submit a revised plan and instead reject the submitted plan and give the employer 14 days to submit a revised plan. Annie Foster seconded. Sheila Johnson voted aye and the motion passed.

Scottsdale Camelback Resort HOA – Kristen Weston-Smith said the plan needs a fourth ordinance measure, either a new addition or an enhancement to the current subsidy program. Sheila Johnson motioned to reject staff's reject recommendation with 7 days to submit a revised plan and instead reject the submitted plan and give the employer 14 days to submit a revised plan. Annie Foster seconded. Kim Passante voted aye and the motion passed.

Scottsdale Resort at McCormick Ranch, The – Kristen Weston-Smith said the plan needs cosmetic changes including the 'Intro to TRP' training date and a clarification of the subsidy. Kim Passante motioned to reject staff's reject recommendation with 7 days to submit a revised plan and instead reject the submitted plan and give the employer 14 days to submit a revised plan. Sheila Johnson seconded. Annie Foster voted aye and the motion passed.

Summit Health Management – Kristen Weston-Smith said the plan needs a restoration of a measure and cosmetic corrections. She also mentioned this organization was originally suspended when TRP staff was notified it was going through an acquisition but has not been able to contact the TC since. Kim Passante motioned to reject staff's reject recommendation with 7 days to submit a revised plan and instead reject the submitted plan and give the employer 14 days to submit a revised plan. Annie Foster seconded. Sheila Johnson voted aye and the motion passed.

WSP – Kristen Weston-Smith said staff is requesting cosmetic revisions and documentation for the telecommuting program. Kim Passante motioned to reject staff's reject recommendation with 7 days to submit a revised plan and instead reject the submitted plan and give the employer 14 days to submit a revised plan. Sheila Johnson seconded. Annie Foster voted aye and the motion passed.

Consent Agenda

Kim Passante motioned to approve all plans on the consent agenda and Sheila Johnson seconded. Annie Foster voted aye and the motion passed.

Open Items

San Tan Ford – Kristen Weston-Smith said a revised plan has been received and was approved at #23 on the consent agenda.

Scottsdale Unified School District – Kristen Weston-Smith said no further response had been received from the TC.

Discussion / Action

TRP COVID-19 Variance Recommendation – Kristen Weston-Smith said that the variance was scheduled to end June 22nd with the program resuming normal due dates on June 23rd. She stated at this time, staff was not recommending a variance extension since employers were reopening and

staff could offer extensions on a case-by-case basis. Discussion was held on how employees would respond to surveys with higher telecommuting numbers and an overall uncertain working situation, as well as how those results could skew future employer plans and travel reduction programs. Jerry Geering asked the present Task Force members if the variance should be extended and they responded in the affirmative. The end date of the extension was discussed and Tina Wesoloskie asked the Task Force to consider what specific statistics would signal to them the variance was ready to be ended. Sheila Johnson motioned to extend the TRP COVID-19 variance through September 30th and Kim Passante seconded. Annie Foster voted aye and the motion passed.

120 Day Plan Review Variance – Kristen Weston-Smith said due to the TRP variance extension, no action is needed on this item at this time.

Valley Metro

Abigail Cooksey-Williams reviewed the update.

Call to Public

Laura Jardieanu said the P-7 ordinance should be publicly posted for comments soon.

Kristen Weston-Smith shared TRP is in the process of going paperless and will be encouraging all employers to use electronic surveys rather than paper.

Updates from Chairman and Other Members

None.

Adjournment

Sheila Johnson motioned to adjourn the meeting and Kim Passante seconded. Annie Foster voted aye and the motion passed (10:57 a.m.). The next meeting will be Tuesday, July 14, 2020.