



**NOTICE OF MEETING
PIMA COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY**

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the Pima County Community Action Agency Advisory Board (CAAB) and to the general public that the Pima County CAAB will hold a regular meeting open to the public on

**Wednesday, June 11, 2014
5:30 to 7 p.m.**

**Kino Service Center, Conference Room 123
2797 East Ajo Way, Tucson, Arizona 85745**

Meeting Minutes

CAAB Members Present

Paul Appleby	Cynthia Nasonhoya
Lori Bable	Annabelle Nunez
Patricia Cannon Barnes	Imelda Pines
John Vasquez Bedoy	Rosenna Trejo
Willie Blake	Roy Tullgren
Diane Brown	Gloria Valenzuela

CAAB Members Absent

Dianna Gonzales
Lacy Hancock

Pima County Staff Present

Rosemary Cora-Cruz Evelyn Gonzales
Anna M. Cunes

- I. Call to Order: 5.40 p.m. *John Vasquez Bedoy, Chair*

- II. Roll Call: *John Vasquez Bedoy, Chair*

- III. Pledge of Allegiance: All

- IV. Action Item: Approve March 8, 2014 Meeting Minutes. Roy Tullgren moved to approve, Paul Appleby seconded and all approved.

- IV. Arizona Community Action Association (ACAA) 50th Annual Conference *Celebrating 50 Years of Community Action* Report: Rosemary Cora-Cruz thanked those who attended the 2014 ACAA Annual Conference, May 8 to 9, 2014, and gave special thanks to the CAAB members who were engaged and participated in sessions. The conference was a celebration of the work done



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over the past 50 years by ACAA's to fulfill the promise of Community Action. 2014 marks the 50th anniversary of Community Action's efforts to combat poverty and improve local communities. The annual conference also introduced new ideas that will see our efforts into the future. CAAB attendees shared their experiences and gave feedback. Annabelle Nunez said she learned a great deal about what other organizations are doing throughout the state and the issues that our communities are facing, particularly in the area of poverty. We have preconceived notions of what poverty is because of our own personal experiences. The "Reality of Poverty in the Suburban Areas" was one of the outstanding presentations for Annabelle Nunez along with the White Privilege presentation and discussion about the framework of White Privilege and what it means. Imelda Pines said it was a real enlightening experience and she felt privileged to have guest speakers who were from Washington, D.C. One speaker was Greg Kaufmann who has launched a website to help cut poverty in half, in ten years. Greg Kaufmann, is the poverty correspondent for The Nation and a contributor to BillMoyers.com. His work has also been featured on Moyers & Company, MSNBC's Melissa Harris-Perry show, NPR, CBSNews.com, WashingtonPost.com, Common Dreams and Alternet. Mr. Kaufmann serves as an adviser for the Economic Hardship Reporting Project. He invites people to share stories at <http://empathyeducates.org/how-to-cut-poverty-in-half-in-ten-years/>. The Half in Ten campaign — launched in 2007 by the Center for American Progress, Coalition on Human Needs and Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights — set an ambitious goal: to cut poverty in half over ten years. Cynthia Nasonhoya said she thought having all the counties present and involved, was a good thing. She believes the Native Americans are not always being acknowledged nor getting information that they need, from conferences. Rosemary Cora-Cruz confirmed that Pima County does have relationships and works with the Pasqua-Yaqui Tribe and Tohono O'odham Nation. Roy Tullgren said he enjoyed hearing the history about the 50 year war on poverty. He hadn't realized all the programs that have come out. The speakers and workshops were great and he received good information. Gloria Valenzuela said she appreciated the conference and enjoyed the "Poverty Through the Lens of Social Justice" speaker, Luke Black. She believes the discussion really opened people's eyes because as we go about our daily lives, we may forget about the people who need additional assistance. Gloria Valenzuela believes it was a great way to help people to go back to their communities and make a difference by either changing or improving their existing programs. Rosemary Cora-Cruz said that Luke Black will be conducting a 3 to 4-hour internal cultural competencies workshop with Pima County CAA staff in July or August. The CAAB may be invited if Luke Black agrees to conducting multiple sessions. Lori Bable said she felt that the conference was very energizing. She had a discussion with John Dorhauer who said he has lived in Phoenix for six years and has been asked only twice to

speak about white privilege. He is willing to travel and present in Tucson. John Dorhauer serves as the Conference Minister for the Southwest Conference of the United Church of Christ and has received awards for his commitments to peace and justice. John's doctoral work focused on white privilege and its effects. Rosemary Cora-Cruz said Tim Wise, North Carolina State University, is considered the current guru of white privilege. He is among the nation's most prominent anti-racism writers and educators and has lectured internationally on issues of comparative racism, race and education, racism and religion, and racism in the labor market. Roy Tullgren said that Luke Black said he is willing to conduct his "Poverty Through the Lens of Social Justice" presentation to a Tucson community forum. Rosemary Cora-Cruz suggested to the CAAB members, who work for agencies that may be interested in a community forum, to contact local utility companies and ask them to sponsor a forum. Patricia Cannon Barnes said she enjoyed the conference and speakers. She met a director from Tempe and networked with others. The disabilities workshop was powerful for her because of the current state that Arizona is in and the issues going on with mental health. Patricia Cannon Barnes said that the presenter announced that Tucson has been rated as the number one location for training and social services this past year. Diane Brown said it was her first conference and she was happy to have attended. She realized that poverty has changed. A lot of people who were in poverty, are now educated. The middle class, which are now lower middle class, are now the first poverty. There is new and old poverty. Rosemary Cora-Cruz told the CAAB members that if anyone has ideas for future conference workshops, to please let her know. Rosemary Cora-Cruz said the conferences will always be held in the Phoenix area because the majority of the ACAA and CAA's staff live in the Phoenix area. Cynthia Nasonhoya asked if youth issues are ever addressed at the conferences such as foster care, youth development and homelessness. Rosemary Cora-Cruz said she will look into that question with the ACAA. John Vasquez Bedoy said he could not attend the conference because of work related needs for the new GED test. He said the new GED test includes a huge part in social studies that talks about the war on poverty. Students have to write an essay based on facts and information and answer if it worked, why or why not, and what improvements could have been done. John Vasquez Bedoy said he does an exercise with students "How Americanized Am I?" and is glad that the GED test includes some good information to help change society for the good. Paul Appleby said he thoroughly enjoyed the conference and said poverty is not prejudice. As he watched and networked at the conference, he believes the majority of attendees have good hearts.

VI. CAAB Issues

John Vasquez Bedoy

- A. Election of Officers – Vice-Chair. Next elections will take place in September 2015. John Vasquez Bedoy allowed five minutes for nominees to explain why they want to serve and what knowledge and experience they will bring to the board. Nominee Imelda Pines explained that she would like to serve as Vice-Chair because she would like to be more involved and make a difference in carrying out the CAAB's goal which is to help people change their lives for the better, and help communities become better places to live. Imelda Pines said CAA's are change agents, not simply service providers, and the change we focus on is the transition to self-sufficiency. Pat Barnes Cannon had nominated Gloria Valenzuela and introduced Gloria Valenzuela. She said she nominated Gloria Valenzuela because of her extensive knowledge and work and life experiences. Pat Barnes Cannon said Gloria Valenzuela has grant writing experience and worked with the early HIV and Substance Abuse programs. She and Gloria Valenzuela both grew up during the civil rights era and are original members of the Upward Bound organization. Gloria Valenzuela is currently a Business Administrator, has worked with HIV prevention in Casa Grande and has worked in the Tohono O'odham Nation. Pat Barnes Cannon said Gloria Valenzuela would be a great choice. Gloria Valenzuela thanked everyone in English and Spanish and said she is from Tempe and lived close to what is now the Escalante Center. Gloria Valenzuela said she was one of the first to work in the Community Action program when it started in her area. She attended good schools and got her degree in community education. Gloria Valenzuela said it is very important that everyone is aware that no matter what the circumstance, each person is valuable, all people deserve to have dignity and a decent life, and we must understand the mechanics of what we do. The board voted and Gloria Valenzuela was elected to serve as Vice-Chair.
- B. Terms – Board Members 4 years; Chair and Vice-Chair 2 years. John Vasquez Bedoy explained that there is an off year when there is no funding and an on year when there is funding. As Chair, John will serve this “on year” term during funding; second term during non-funding; 2015-2016 no RFPs; 2016-2017 RFP term.
- C. New Board appointments - 2 Community Representative seats available. John Vasquez Bedoy suggested that new members be approached from past review process. If there is anyone who applied to serve on the board in the past, John would like to have the CAAB review those candidates and if one is preferred, and they are still interested, the new candidates can be recruited that way. One possible candidate might be Mary Benadetto to

serve as a Labor Union Representative. Rosemary will email potential candidates' information to the CAAB members.

- VII. Staff Reports: *Rosemary Cora-Cruz & Evelyn Gonzales*
- A. Funding Update – there was about a 7% reduction for the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG).
 - B. Contract update – No contracts were refused and they go to the Board of Supervisors before July 1, 2014.
 - C. CSBG Agency Monitoring Report – all agencies did very well and all program monitoring is complete. The fiscal department reported excellent on all agencies.
- VIII. Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Community Action Plan Review: The 2014-2015 Plan will be the same as the 2013-2014 Plan because there are still the same 16 programs and 13 agencies. Copies of the Plan will be available for the CAAB members at the September 2014 meeting. If a CAAB member wants to receive the Plan via email before the September 2014 meeting, please notify Rosemary Cora-Cruz.
- IX. Meeting Schedule 2014-2015: John Vasquez Bedoy suggested that Mondays will never work and Rosemary Cora-Cruz agreed. Lori Bable will be attending school in the Fall and said Thursdays will not work for her. Rosemary Cora-Cruz will select Tuesdays and Wednesdays and confirm meeting dates:
- Tuesday, September 16, 2014
 - Tuesday, November 18, 2014
 - Wednesday, January 21, 2015
 - Wednesday, March 18, 2015
 - May or June 2015
- X. Call to the Audience: No audience *John Vasquez Bedoy, Chair*
- XI. Next Meeting: September 16, 2014
- XII. Adjournment: 7:02 p.m. *John Vasquez Bedoy, Chair*

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