



PIMA COUNTY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD

Youth Council

**Tuesday, December 9, 2014
3:30 to 5 p.m.**

Pima County Youth Employment One-Stop Center, 2323 South Park Avenue, Tucson, AZ 85713

Meeting Summary

Members Present

Vaughn Croft Liz Gulick
Donna Bakerx Edward Dummitt*
Johanna Duffek Deborah Embry
Deborah Dixon

Members Absent

Eddie Valdez* Edward J. Nossem
Amanda Kucich Arnold Palacios
Paul Lyons Jim Zarling
Julia Strange*

*Loyalty Oath pending.

Guests and Pima County Staff

Kathi Finfrock Mike Rohrbach
Bill Spalding Rachel Rippur
Dana Katbah Anna M. Cunes

- I. Call to Order: 3:34 p.m., Dr. Vaughn E. Croft, Chair
- II. Welcome and Introductions: Meeting attendees introduced themselves and each announced a brief "sound bite."
 - A. Vaughn Croft, Office of the Pima County School Superintendent, Senior Program Coordinator, talked about his work to connect Lauffer Middle School students with employers as part of the Office of the Pima County School Superintendent's Career Shadow Program. Students will visit employers on 01/09/15 to learn what may be expected of them, among other job related issues.
 - B. Kathi Finfrock, Tucson Youth Development (TYD), Special Programs Manager, said she is working with the YouthCareer Connect (YCC) grant and will be coordinating a program with

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the Joint Technical Education District (JTED) that will be at the Pima County Youth Employment One-Stop Center.

- C. Liz Gulick, Goodwill Industries of Southern Arizona, Interim President and CEO, reported that Cassie Lundin, Case Manager, said the youth who she has in her case load, like the new Youth Employment One-Stop Center.
- D. Donna Bakerx, Tucson Urban League (TUL), Employment Training Facilitator, announced that TUL is partnering with Benevolent.net to help people get funding for or assistance with education, employment, healthcare, home repairs, furniture, tools for a job, and transportation.
- E. Deborah Embry, TUL, said their housing location (weatherization, housing rehabilitation and repair) off Plumer is being leased from the City of Tucson and she is looking into conducting future training programs at this location including HVAC.
- F. Bill Spalding, TYD, shared a success story about a youth who had been difficult during his school years. One day, Bill told the boy that if he did not straighten out, he might get killed or someone was going to kill him. Several years later, Bill saw the youth who was now a grown up, motorcycle policeman. He thanked Bill for telling him that he needed to straighten out before he or someone else got hurt. It reminds Bill that he enjoys helping youth.
- G. Mike Rohrbach, Creative Communication and Learning Advisory Council, Chair, explained that their Social Communications Center will be in the Higher Ground Resource Center in January 2015, where they will empower youth to work with adults and seniors and help them learn to work with computers.
- H. Edward Dummitt, Fred G. Acosta Job Corps, said Job Corps is in the process of celebrating their 50th anniversary.
- I. Johanna Duffek said she is working on the Metropolitan Education Commission's (MEC) 18th annual Key to Employment for the 21st Century Symposium scheduled for February 11, 2015. The event will offer STEM related career information and hands-on activities for high school youth.
- J. Dana Katbah, Pima County Youth Employment One-Stop Center, Program Manager, said it has been a happy day for Pima County residents and especially youth. Today's Open House was planned to expose the public about the workforce related information and services that are under one roof at the new Youth One-Stop Center. The Regional College Access program will also have a presence.

III. Action Item: 11/18/14 Meeting Summary reviewed.

IV. Outstanding Youth and Outstanding Employer of the Year Awards 2014: Vaughn Croft and Dana Katbah will present awards at the WIB's 12/12/14 Annual Appreciation event, similar to last year but the nominators and nominees will not have an opportunity to speak this year.

V. Pledge-A-Job: Vaughn Croft is looking into a new position so a person could work full time and help get employers to participate in the Pledge-A-Job youth employment program year round. Pledge-A-Job is intended to be a 12 month employment program but Ron Chilton, a Full Time Employee (FTE), is only able to spend half of his time on it. The busy time is January to June for the Summer Youth Employment program. Pledge-A-Job is the only unsubsidized youth employment program. The employer is provided with a youth that has completed Tests of Adult Basic Education (TABE) testing and the Pima County One-Stop Employability Skills Workshop.

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VI. Youth Career Expo 2015 – Vaughn Croft is looking into having the 2015 Expo site at Sensintel.

VII. Next Meeting: January 13, 2015

VIII. Adjourned: 4:43 p.m.

Statement of Purpose: The Youth Council shall establish and maintain reciprocal partnerships with employers and youth service organizations to transition youth into successful contributing members of the community.

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