



Virtual Meeting of the Pima County Workforce Investment Board (“WIB”) Youth Council

Tuesday, November 9, 2021, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. MST

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Meeting Summary

Members Present

Dr. Vaughn E. Croft, Chair
Deborah Dixon
Liz Gulick, Co-President/CEO
Mike Rohrbach
James Zarling
Robert Ramirez
Aaron Ball
Mary Mercado

Members Absent

Andrew Bevington
Eddie Valdez
Edward Dummitt
Gina Pleas
Johanna Duffek
Karen King
Monica Amaya
Ramon Gaanderse

Guests Present

Anna M. Cunes	Cassie Lundin
Ed Nossem	Celia Robidoux, SAAF
Gabe Loyola	John C. Farrell
SER-Jobs for Progress of Southern Arizona, Inc.	

- I. Called to Order and Welcome:** Dr. Vaughn Croft, Chair, 3:36 p.m.
- II. Youth Council Members & Guests:** Name and Organization – Attendees took turns introducing themselves and provided updates on their youth-related programs and activities.
- III. 2020-2021 Outstanding Employer and Youth Awards for December 10, 2021 WIB Annual Meeting:** Vaughn reminded attendees to submit nomination forms before the 11/29/2021 deadline.
- IV. Presentation:** Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (“SAAF”) - Celia Robidoux presented information on the SAAF programs and activities that includes:
 - Support services – food, group counseling, complementary therapies (massage, acupuncture, etc.), dental services, holiday project, medications assistance, mental health services, access to substance abuse treatment, transportation services, and other personal support services.

- Prevention programs - for target populations at increased risk of HIV infection or transmission as well as those affected by stigma by offering specially-designed interventions that provide a supportive, educational environment in which harm reduction and empowerment can be effective and includes:
 - The Syringe Access Program (“SAP”) that provides information, education and referrals on HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis and Sexually Transmitted Infections to adults who are current or former drug users.
 - The Youth Empowerment and LGBTQ Leadership (“YELL”) Program which is a substance abuse prevention program, that with the help of the community-based coalition, implements a wide variety of strategies to educate about prescription drug and alcohol misuse among youth between the ages of 13 and 24.
- Housing services – SAAF has a promise to create and sustain a healthier community and provides subsidized, affordable housing for qualified clients through residential properties owned by SAAF and housing at other scattered site housing programs. More than 140 families and individuals are living in safe and healthy SAAF housing located throughout the Tucson community.

SAAF is a community-based organization that offers an array of services based on need as part of their case management for those living with HIV/AIDS and their families.

- V. Call to Public:** No requests nor announcements.
- VI. Next Meeting:** December 14, 2021, virtual meeting
- VII. Adjourned:** 4:34 p.m.