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Public Notice of virtual Meeting of the Pima County Workforce Investment Board (“WIB”) Youth Council
 Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the Pima County Youth Council and to the general public that the Youth Council will hold a *virtual* meeting open to the public on

Tuesday, August 10th, 3:30pm to 5:00pm MST

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Summary

Quorum was not met to complete action items listed on the agenda

Members Present		Guests
Vaughn Croft	Mike Rohrbach	Daphanie Conner
Andrew Bevington	Monica Amaya	Edward Nossem
Deborah Dixon	Robert Ramirez	John C Farrell
Liz Gulick – left at 4:28pm	Mary Mercado	Maria Suarez
no quorum	Aaron Ball – left at 4:24pm no quorum for action items listed	Tracey Sutton
		John Vasquez Bedoy
		Cassie Lundin

Agenda

- I. **Call to Order and Welcome:** Dr. Vaughn Croft, Chair, Call to order 3:35pm
- II. **WIB Youth Council Members:** Introductions and a brief overview of programs and services; Members and guests introduced themselves and spoke about the current programs
Vaughn; spoke about Job Corps and challenges in recruitment due to COVID-19; Job Corps is going through procurement process for services so the procurement contract may change;
Liz, Goodwill spoke about US DOL grant that is pending start from Goodwill National; wrapped up afterschool contract with the County;
Robert Ramirez; spoke about PCC opening to in person classes on August 18th; Vaughn encouraged the group to take a tour of the new campus technology and Robert spoke about the Centers of Excellence on campus
Aaron Ball; gave an update about the professional internship opportunities that wrapped up this summer; really focused on education and internship opportunities; Spoke about ongoing partnership throughout the year and is more than happy to share with the group regarding the framework utilized for the 170 students that were employed in the internship opportunities over the summer
Monica Amaya; VR services remain virtual; Still accepting referrals and servicing clients; Pre-Employment Transition Services just awarded a new 5-year contract so they can start employing VR youth; Pre-Employment Transition services is a program for 14-22 year olds with a documented disability; They do not have to be a client of VR but they have to apply and have documented disability; Free workshops are



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included as long as eligibility is met; Vendors are encouraged to make connections with various schools to provide those students with an opportunity and recruitment;

Andrew Bevington; dozens of projects right now with start of school year; Edge High School reached out for workforce development opportunity during school hours where Robert Ramirez connects them to a digital wallet so they have the documents ready to go for when they are ready to apply to school; employment and will bring that to Edge HS; Cohort will be in healthcare; From Goodwill they brought in the short term internship program with Goodwill; Tucson Greater Leadership – January launching Tucson Leadership Academy at Tanque Verde HS program is connected to leadership standards that will pair 20 students to industry leaders throughout the community; Anticipating a fall session with Aaron Ball with CAA.

Ed Nossem; No longer with Metro Education Commission and is now at the Pima County Youth Employment Center through Tucson Youth Development; Youth Employment Center will be hosting an Open House on August 18th showcasing all programs including Las Artes, PVHS, CAA, and more.

John Farrell; Pima College, reached out to Vaughn regarding connecting Job Corps students with PCC; Vaughn talked about the commitment letters of support that made specific connections to PCC with Job Corps;

Maria Suarez; Summer program ended 7/30/2021, only one session in July; session went by really fast; both youth and employers were excited to have youth back in the office; employers did hire on youth when they completed the program; 175 youth served in addition to specialized cohorts; Hotel Industry certification; Landscaping with the City of South Tucson, CPR & First Aid certification; University of Arizona 16 youth received college credit to complete STEM coursework; Getting ready for the Open House later this month; Maria reached out to Robert Ramirez & Vaughn Croft to be at the Open House event; Starting to recruit Library Page Program currently recruiting applicants that are 16+ and interested in working in library positions;

Mary Mercado; talked about classes being open with PCC Adult Basic Education and includes ESL classes; Virtual graduation is schedule for September 24th; graduates will be in person and the event will be live streamed

Mike Rohrbach; set up program with Sunnyside HS and Nogales Sonora HS they will have a language club and students will have an opportunity to provide virtual contact to increase conversational skills; A partnership will be setting up with Higher Ground through their community schools for conversational/digital literacy skills;

Traelyn Sutton; a convening organization to build coalitions to start developing community support to overcome barriers; Would like to invite the council to the interest meeting to join taskforces targeting youth with education; Targeting Amphi Neighborhood

Deborah Dixon; No new updates; working hard connecting youth to the community; Reached out for behavioral health services; Health and Hope for Youth is part of a national network that Ed shared with the group; Monica shared that she can connect with AHCCCS

John Vasquez Bedoy; Las Artes Arts & Education Center; 17-24 GED program; John discussed the program as well as the stipend that is paid to youth for attending; Connects to a youth case manager at the youth center as well for additional support; Testing is done Mon-Thurs: Student ratio is 8-10 students per group due to social distancing; Total on campus is 36 at this time



- III. **Action Item:** To approve July 13, 2021 meeting minutes – Cassie Lundin informed group that there is no longer a quorum
- IV. **ARIZONA@WORK Pima County One-Stop Staff Report:** Daphanie Conner, Youth Services Program Manager, Pima County One-Stop Youth Employment Center – Doesn't have anything new to add; excited that Ed is on the team; Exceeded all program measures for PY 2020; Started new year 7/1/2021; looking forward to what is to come with new programming and new connections at the center; connected to JTED to bring more program options to youth; STEPS to STEM was a great program; Vaughn suggested that next meeting to talk about new program year performance measures
- V. **Discussion:** WIB Youth Council Vacancies, (1) City of Tucson Housing Representative (1) Youth Seeking Services; Vaughn stated that he reached out to the community for the city representative; encouraged youth center staff to reach out to youth seeking services; Maria Suarez asked questions.
- VI. **Call to Public;** Ed Nossem shared that masks are now required in all county buildings
- VII. **Next Meeting:** September 14, 2021, virtual meeting
- VIII. **Adjourn,** 4:42pm



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