

Workforce Investment Board (WIB)

Youth Council

February 14, 2012 – 3:30 p.m.

University Medical Center
1501 North Campbell Avenue, Room 2406
Tucson, AZ

MINUTES

Voting Members Present

Vaughn Croft (Chair)
Bill Marquez
Jim Zarling
Liz Gulick
Laurie Vance
Fran Senechal

Staff, Partners & Guests Present

Steve Ramirez
Dana Katbah
Tonia Kadiri
Gloria Proo
Linda Reyes
Rebecca Pitman
Aaron Ball
Risé Hart

- I. **Call to Order** – at 3:32 p.m. Vaughn Croft chaired the meeting.
- II. **Action Item:** Jim Zarling moved to approve the January 2012 meeting minutes. Laurie Vance seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.
- III. **Youth Employment in the Health Care Industry**
Dana Katbah stated that there will be a series of Career Expos that will be focusing on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM). The first industry to be highlighted is healthcare. United Way will take on the task on getting the first Expo event organized. Tentative date for the event is September 2012 and it will be held after school.

Suggestions for the Expo:

- Addressing the issues on HIPPA and back ground checks before the event.
- Provide information on a variety of careers in the industry and educational requirements.
- Having non-invasive check ups (blood pressure, cholesterol, etc).
- Smaller career expos at the individual high schools.

A subcommittee will be formed to discuss these issues.

IV. President Obama's Summer Youth Initiative

Dana gave an overview on this initiative – businesses, non-profits, and government to provide pathways of employment for low-income and disconnected youth during the summer. There is no funding for this program; however any business that participates in this initiative will be listed on the government website: www.dol.gov/summerjobs/. This link will be on the Pima County website. Chambers and the Pima County Employer Outreach team will be given this information.

V. Announcements

- Pima County (PC) Summer Youth Program
 - Dates: Session 1 – May 29 and Session 2 – July 2 (5 week sessions).
 - One PC staff person is cleaning up the Youth Summer Program workbook.
 - The workbook will be finalized by mid-late April.
- Job Corps Activities
 - Recently had a graduation ceremony with 94 graduates (9 different vocational fields). 21 of the graduates were recognized for a higher performance.
 - Attended a conference in Washington, D.C. with the National Job Corps Center Risk Care.
 - Rodeo Event February 23.
 - CRC Meeting in March (partners discuss community needs/strategies).
 - Pima Association of Governments Green Event in April.
- Tucson Youth Development (TYD)
 - 5th week of an 18-week after school work program.
 - Contracted with TMC – internship program – 15 youth in the program.
- PVHS
 - Working with PC and TYD to get a dedicated Workforce Development Specialist within the school.
- FCC Tucson
 - Trying to get more programs into the institution.
- Goodwill
 - After school work experience program for students. Two students in this program have been offered employment.
 - Southern Arizona's Special Needs Resource and Transition Fair, Saturday April 14, Beacon Group, 308 W. Glenn, 9:00a.m.-3:00p.m. More information: <http://connectingtucson.org/>.
- JTED
 - Project Search (currently 11 students in the program) national program that brings employers, educators, and vocational/rehabilitation leaders together to create competitive employment opportunities for youth with disabilities.
 - 1,200 students at the nine JTED campuses.

- CAID
 - Currently hiring welders, etc.
 - Probably will be involved in the Summer Youth Program (prefers 18 years + older).

- Metropolitan Education Commission
 - League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) Youth Leadership Conference held on March 13 at Pima Community College West Campus, 2202 W. Anklam Road. More information and to register: www.sazlulacyle.org. They are looking for individuals in healthcare to partake in the conference.

VI. Next Meeting – March 13, 2012.

VII. Adjournment – 5:02 p.m.