

Workforce Investment Board (WIB)

Youth Council

May 8, 2012 – 3:30 p.m.

Pima Vocational High School
97 East Congress Street, Suite 30
Tucson, AZ

MINUTES

Voting Members Present

Vaughn Croft
Arnold Palacios
Amanda Kucich
Jim Zarling
Liz Gulick
Steve Ramirez

Staff, Partners & Guests Present

Gloria Proo
Johanna Duffek
Dana Katbah
Oscar Leon
Tonia Kadiri
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 February 2012 meeting minutes. Vaughn Croft seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously
- III. **Annual Retreat Discussion**
Suggestion for location: Sentinel Building or Job Corps
Retreat outcome: More follow up on retreat results and/or how the successes are being measured
Invite funded partners or businesses
Duration: 2 hours

The committee decided to form a Retreat Planning Committee. Vaughn Croft, Johanna Duffek, Amanda Kucich, and Dana Katbah volunteered to be on the committee.
- IV. **Presentation/Tour of Pima Vocational High School (PVHS)**
Gloria Proo gave a brief tour of the downtown location and overview about the school. The school is a publicly funded charter school and this is the 13th year for the school. Student ages range from 16 to 21 years old. Enrollment currently is 136 students and the maximum is 150 students (50 at each of the three locations). Alma, a PVHS student, talked about her experience and success attending PVHS.

V. Healthcare Occupations Career Fair

Amanda Kucich summarized the results of the partnership with Eller College students helping with the Career Fair. Two teams were created consisting of 20 students. The teams worked on finding a venue, speakers, contacting businesses and schools.

Dana Katbah stated there needs to be buy in from the council.

Issues: Transportation, time of day, age group, size of event, and keep it manageable.

VI. Tucson Medical Center (TMC) Career Pathways

Arnold Palacios stated that Tucson Youth Development (TYD) has worked with TMC many years to develop programs for youth. The two main medical programs are: LEAP (Learn, Earn, Advance and Prosper) and GO (Great Opportunities). An important factor is the partnership which includes: TMC (private sector), education (JTED-Joint Technological Education District and participating districts/charter schools), government (Pima County and City of Tucson funds the program) and community-based agency (TYD). This has created a career pathway for youth to gain exposure to healthcare careers and ultimately to become employed. The difference between the programs: LEAP is an in-school work experience program in the medical field for Juniors and Seniors and GO is a summer internship program for graduated seniors. It's a five week program consisting of one week of intensive training and four weeks of internship in the hospitals. Once the students finish their internship they are eligible for a job at TMC. Students involved in these programs are paid a wage. Arnold invited the council to attend the July 12th GO celebration from 2-4PM. He will send details about the event.

VII. Next Meeting – June 12, 2012

VIII. Adjournment – 5:01 p.m.