

Workforce Investment Board

Planning Committee

May 19, 2011 – 8:00 a.m.

Pima Community College – Downtown Campus (Stone Ave.)
Copper Room – 181
Tucson, AZ

MEETING SUMMARY

Members Present:

Gregg Johnson
Beverly Price
Josh Wright
Duane Bock
Linda Arzoumanian
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Staff & Guests:

Charles Casey
Jim Mize
Suzanne Miles
Risé Hart

I. **Call to Order** – at 7:59 a.m. Gregg Johnson chaired the meeting.

II. **Review Meeting Summary** – Reviewed.

III. **Overview of the WIB Two Year Plan**

Charles Casey reported that the federal government normally asks for an extension to the two year plan between July and September. In 1980 the focus was economic clusters, then it changed to targeted industries, and currently it is sector strategies. Sector strategy – Forming public/private partnerships that bring together groups of employers in an industry that is experiencing skill shortages, high-growth, or a lot of change in workforce needs. Jim Mize stated that the Pima County One-Stop focuses on occupations that provide livable wages. The industries that pay the higher wages drives the jobs and training that are needed. Linda Arzoumanian commented that the current plan was written well.

Summary of the various suggestions/discussions regarding the plan/targeted industries:

- Eliminate some industries
- Focus on what is needed in Pima County vs state/country
- Review the current target industries
- Clearly define the targeted industry/sector
- Rank the industries and add subsets
- Focus - jobs, economic development, education
- TREO's targeted industries: aerospace & defense, bioscience, solar, and transportation/logistics
- Alignment with the Governor's four pillars
- Provide flexibility in the categories
- Regional industry cluster support
- Overlap industries

The committee agreed to the following targeted industries/sectors and will refine them at the June Planning Committee meeting:

- Emerging technologies (securities)
- Renewable resources (solar, utilities, green)
- Aerospace/defense (manufacturing)
- Transportation (logistics)
- Health science (bio med)
- Infrastructure (construction)

Staff will invite Judy Wood of Arizona Commerce Authority to speak about the entity at the next meeting.

- IV. Discussion of WIB Strategic Plans** – Due to lack of time this item will be discussed at a future meeting.
- V. Governor’s Council Executive Meeting Update** – Due to lack of time this item was not discussed.
- VI. Next Meeting: Thursday, June 16, 2011 at 8:00 a.m.**
- VII. Adjournment** – 9:07 a.m.