

# Workforce Investment Board

## Youth Council

June 14, 2011 – 3:30 p.m.

City of Tucson Planning and Community Development Division  
320 N. Commerce Park Loop, Sentinel Bldg.  
Tucson, AZ

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### MINUTES

#### Voting Members Present

Vaughn Croft (Chair)  
Arnold Palacios  
Fran Senechal  
Cyndy Nuñez  
Jim Zarling  
Laurie Vance  
Debra Dixon

#### Staff, Partners & Guests Present

Nancy Magelli  
Tom Finton Jr.  
Maryann Phininzy  
Jessica Aguilar  
Oscar Leon  
Josh Schachter  
Risé Hart

- I. **Call to Order** – at 3:30 p.m. Vaughn Croft chaired the meeting.
- II. **Action Items:** Jim Zarling moved to approve the April and May 2011 meeting minutes. Cyndy Nuñez/Nancy Magelli from the City of Tucson seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

As noted in the April 12, 2011 Youth Council meeting minutes the committee approved the voting status recommendation for youth: Each agency represented on the Council may nominate a youth member (ages 14-24) to serve as a full voting member for a maximum of two years, taking into account issues surrounding transportation, liability, attendance and parental consent for those under 18. With this action approved: Maryann Phininzy of Pima Community College AmeriCorps nominated Jessica Aguilar to become a voting member. Jim Zarling moved to approve Jessica Aguilar as a youth voting member. Vaughn Croft seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

Jim Zarling recommended that Vaughn Croft provide the Youth Council meeting highlights at the monthly WIB meetings. The committee agreed to this recommendation.

**III. Discuss the August 16 Retreat** – Vaughn distributed a list of action items and Workforce Investment Act (WIA) information to review and discuss at the retreat. The August 16 retreat will be held from noon-4pm. Jim Zarling volunteered the use of the Boys and Girls Clubs meeting room and to provide the lunch for the retreat.

**IV. City of Tucson Planning and Community Development Division Presentation** – *Nancy Magelli/Cyndy Nuñez*

Brochures about the services/programs offered by the City of Tucson were distributed. Programs included: 1) conducting/recording census data of youth ages 16-24, 2) Family Self-Sufficiency Program, 3) list of agencies that receive funds from/partner with the City of Tucson Human Services/Housing, and 4) First Things First Program. Nancy Magelli summarized the First Things First program. Four cents from the purchase of a packet of cigarettes goes to this program. There are 31 regional councils that determine the direction of funding. Funding is available for: family support systems (especially teenage parents), different levels of parenting programs, parent aid for Child Protection Services, infant/toddler programs, early care (age 5 or younger) and educational scholarships for children. Parents pay 50% of the quality care tuition unless the parent is a teenager or a domestic violence case than the parent pays 10%. Scholarships for early education program + a stipend are provided for eligible students. Nancy reported there was an event at the zoo on Sunday which 750 children (ages 0-five) and their families attended to learn about the First Things First Program and enjoy the zoo.

Cyndy Nunez gave an overview about the Family Self-Sufficiency Program including: 1) financial planning/budgeting, 2) childcare, 3) dental/medical one time service, 4) life skills, 5) stress management, 6) transportation, 7) youth education/training/employment opportunities, 8) career counseling, 9) emergency cash, 10) parenting skills, 11) homeownership counseling, 12) family/individual counseling/treatment referrals, 13) ESL/family literacy referrals, and 14) substance abuse prevention. Cyndy stated that there is a 5-year program to assist the low-income subsidized housing community. Participants earn income that is put into a savings account. The goal is for clients to utilize the funds to purchase a home. There is a waiting list for this program. The requirements to partake in this program are either a Section 8 or a residence of public housing.

Website addresses: <http://www.cityoftucson.org/neighborhoods.html> and <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/hcd/first-things-first>

**V. Next Meeting** – August 16, 2011, noon-4 p.m., Boys and Girls Clubs of Tucson, 3155 E Grant Road.

**VI. Adjournment** – 4:45 p.m.