

Workforce Investment Board

Faith Based Committee

Wednesday, March 23, 2011 – 8:00 a.m.

One Stop Service Center
2797 E Ajo Way, 3rd Floor Room 301
Tucson, AZ

MEETING SUMMARY

- I. **Call to Order** – Peg Harmon (Chair) at 8:05 a.m.
- II. **Prayer**
- III. **Introductions/Attendance:**

Peg Harmon, Chair	Linda Leatherman, staff
Liz Gulick (in behalf of Suzanne Lawder)	Eddie Saavedra, staff
Stan Hamnett	Pat DeVito, staff
Randy Reynolds	Risé Hart, staff
Yvette Critchfield (in behalf of Carld Rosborough)	
Henry Rillos, Pima Community College	
- IV. **Review Meeting Summary** – Reviewed.
- V. **Health Occupations Grant**

Eddie Saavedra distributed information about Pathways to Health (\$18.5 M grant), a 5-year program to train low-income people for healthcare jobs. The grant was awarded September 2010. The One-Stop is partnering with Pima Community College. There will be 16 healthcare programs available at Pima Community College. He stated that funds for supportive services are also available. Henry Rillos gave an overview about the grant. This grant is part of the healthcare act. It is a research/demonstration grant and has more flexibility than some grants. Recruitment and intake/assessment is provided by the One-Stop and the college provides the academic services. The plan is to serve approximately 400 clients a year. The client has to be college ready to partake in the training. One-Stop provides contextual training and adult education for clients as needed. Henry noted that there will be client follow-up for six months after the training. Eddie stated that the Faith Based committee and community will be asked to help with the recruitment intake/assessment process and workshops. Copies of the "Student Interest Survey" form were distributed to the group. Staff will also scan the survey and send it to the committee. Information about the grant: www.helpprofessionalopportunitygrant.
- VI. **Surveying the FBCO's (faith-based & community organizations) for Employment Needs** – Postponed until the April meeting due to time constraints.

VII. 51 Homes

Pat DeVito distributed a brochure and gave an overview about the program. The program is for people who are continually homeless and ill. The concept is to track people who are most vulnerable (e.g. renal failure, age, substance abuse, HIV, length of time on the street, mental health issues, etc). The Veterans Affairs is highly involved in this program. Pat stated that they are looking for approximately 200 volunteers to assist with the program. Website to sign up as a volunteer: 51homestucson@gmail.com. The focus of the program is to get people off the streets, into a home, and then provide wrap-around services. Website: www.commonground.org.

VIII. Review Statement of Purpose – The committee agreed not to change the current statement – The Faith Based Committee shall be the liaison between the faith-based community and the WIB.

IX. Announcements

- Re-entry grants applied for or in process – Linda Leatherman stated that the Pima County One-Stop is applying for a grant in collaboration with Compass and Pima County Juvenile Court Center for youth up to age 18. The One-Stop will also be applying for a Second Chance Act grant for ages 18-24 (augmentation to the YEARN grant).
- Peg Harmon is a member of the Governor's ArizonaSERVES Task Force. The task force is focusing on four different areas: seniors, transportation for the underserved, childcare/services, and foster care. Website: www.ArizonaSERVES.gov.
- Using the internet to be more visual – Stan Hamnett stressed the importance of using the internet as a communicating tool. He suggested using Constant Contact for the survey, newsletters, etc. The cost is approximately \$150/year. He also recommended starting a Faith-Based website. Linda Leatherman will talk to the Pima County IT department about a faith-based website.

X. Next Meeting: April 26 at 8:00 a.m. Agenda items:
1) Surveying the FBCO's (faith-based & community organizations) for Employment Needs, 2) Outreach for the Pathways to Healthcare program, 3) Creating an information resource for the faith-based community, and 4) Supporting the Governor's ArizonaSERVES Task Force.

XI. Adjournment – 9:31 a.m.