

Workforce Investment Board

Youth Council

March 8, 2011 – 3:30 p.m.

Fred G. Acosta Job Corps
901 S. Campbell Avenue
Tucson, AZ

MINUTES

Members Present

Vaughn Croft (Chair)
Arnold Palacios
Jim Zarling
Carl D. Rosborough
Amanda Kucich
Fran Senechal
Laurie Vance
Alan Storm

Staff & Guests Present

Lisa Carper
Bill Marquez
Oscar Leon
Josue Romero
Ilse Enanas
Bess McCormick
Yvette Critchfield
Donna Mirachi
Dana Katbah
Risé Hart

- I. **Call to Order** – at 3:35 p.m. Vaughn Croft chaired the meeting.
- II. **Action Item:** Jim Zarling moved to approve the February 2011 meeting minutes. Arnold Palacios seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.
- III. **More on the “Program of Work”** – Vaughn Croft stated that the Youth Council meeting locations will vary to provide exposure of the different agencies that have youth programs. Plans are to hold a Retreat in June and details will be discussed at the upcoming meetings. Vaughn Croft read the current Bylaws Statement of Purpose for the Youth Council - The Youth Council shall review needs of youth in the community, recommend and review strategic direction in the development of youth’s employment status, and oversee the development of Requests for Proposals for youth services. The council will review the Statement of Purpose at the next meeting.
- IV. **Annual 21st Center Career and Workforce Development Event** – A subcommittee was formed to discuss increasing awareness of the youth programs in Pima County. The subcommittee met on March 3 and conclusion from the meeting were: 1) lack of funds for youth employment opportunities in Pima County, 2) increasing opportunities for youth (e.g. work experience, mentoring), 3) promote workforce development for youth within the targeted industries (Aerospace, Construction, Green, Finance, Health,

Hospitality, Information Technology, Retail, and Transportation/Utilities) identified by the Workforce Development Board, and 4) host a yearly event addressing the above issues focusing on one of the target industries. The subcommittee decided that the green industry would be the focus for the first event. The event would be attended by youth, parents, and include speakers (current employees/professional/leaders/HR executives) and presentations on a fascinating occupation within the industry. Some discussion has focused on an Expo concept, where youth can learn about different career opportunities. The event would also promote communication between and among public and private sources of employment.

- V. Presentation/tour Fred G. Acosta Job Corps** – Carl Rosborough gave an overview on Job Corps followed by the staff and students giving a brief summary of their involvement with Job Corps. She stated that they just received the Presidential Volunteer Service Gold Award for their 5,581 hours of volunteer service. Job Corps offers career planning, on-the-job training, job placement, academic training, residential housing, food service, a bi-weekly basic living allowance and clothing allowance. They present themselves as a good neighbor and are achieving 100+% of their goals. Staff participation includes: working on public/government relationships, marketing, arranging field trips for the students, working on the confidence level of the youth, looking at partnering with other organizations, branding the center, evaluating performance via students' success, removing any obstacles for the students, and finding jobs for students who did not graduate. The students are from Tucson, Marshall Islands, Burma, South America, Afghanistan, and other countries. Job Corps provides transportation to and from the center and the student's home town twice a year. Qualifications for eligibility are: ages 16-24 and on food stamps. Two Job Corps students gave a summary of their work-based experience as a receptionist at the front desk at a job center.
Website address: <http://fredgacosta.jobcorps.gov/>.

- VI. Announcements** – Dana Katbah gave an overview of the WIA RFP Youth Programs. There were eight proposers and two of the proposers were new. The WIB will be voting on the RFP recommendations at the March 11 WIB meeting. Dana will give a second report at the next meeting detailing the services that will be provided through the funded RFPs.

Carl Rosborough invited the group to an Open House, March 31 for a new single-parent dormitory.

- VII. Next meeting** – April 12, 2011, 3:30 p.m. at the Tucson Youth Development, 1901 N. Stone Avenue

- VIII. Adjournment** – 4:48 p.m.