

YUMA COUNTY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD

Regular Meeting
YPIC Boardroom
March 14, 2012

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ken Rosevear called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ken Rosevear asked Tom Tyree to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

Roll was called and those present and absent were:

Members Present:

1. Marisol Canales
2. Maria Chavoya
3. Ramona Corrales
4. Betty DeNise
5. Julie Engel
6. Ed Ford
7. Diane Hansberger
8. John ‘Bud’ Johnson
9. Tom Kiley
10. Dave McDowell
11. Steve Miller
12. Larry Nelson
13. Ray Ochoa
14. Jesus Quintana
15. Kim Rodriguez
16. Rick Rohrick
17. Patricia Romant
18. Ken Rosevear
19. Tom Tyree

Members Absent:

- Nancy Alter (Excused)
- Allen Hagedorn (Excused)
- Glenn Mayle (Excused)
- Yara Nash (Excused)
- Nancy Ngai (Excused)
- Kim Padgett (Excused)
- Kelly Paulin (Excused)
- Sam Pepper (Excused)

A quorum was thereby established.

Guests (From Sign in list)

Mary Jo McIntyre, Yuma County
Cesar Fandino, PPEP
Mercedes Mendivil, YPIC
Nidia Herrera, YPIC
Elizabeth Arturi, AWC
Marla Duran, AWC
Lynn LaBrie, AWC
Barbara Stevens, YPIC
Patrick Goetz, YPIC
Gloria Rodriguez, DES
Lydia Blackthunder, YPIC
Janette Crawford, YPIC

Staff:

John Morales, Executive Director
Adriana McBride, Clerk of the Board

***IV. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (from February 8, 2012)

Ken Rosevear asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the Workforce Investment Board meeting of February 8, 2012.

Motion made by Maria Chavoya; Seconded by Larry Nelson.

Motion passed.

John Morales introduced James A. Apperson, Assistant Director Employment and Rehabilitation Services. Board members introduced themselves to Mr. Apperson.

VI. Director's Report and Information Items

A. Washington update:

- The House is currently not in session.
- A couple of WIA bills were introduced, one by Buck McKeon from CA, and one by Virginia Foxx from NC.
- The bill by McKeon seems more favorable; the bill by Foxx would streamline services but may put a dent on local control.
- Another bill is supposed to be introduced this week by John Tierney from MA and George Miller from CA.
- There is a short window of opportunity to get the bill passed, if it does not occur, WIA funding may be a part of a continuing resolution.

B. State Update

- Sherman Jennings, Chair of the Governor’s Council on Workforce Policy attended the WIB meeting in Yuma.
- The new system Arizona Job Connection (AJC) is now in place and some issues have been identified by the Directors. Specific information regarding the issues is being collected by Patrick Burkhart in Maricopa County. The information will be summarized and presented to Mark Darmer at DES.
- Still working with Clarence Carter, Director of Department of Economic Security (DES), on grant application to Department of Labor. Mr. Carter is looking to revamp the human services functions within DES and is trying to connect those services more closely to the workforce system.
- John Morales continues to work with Arizona Commerce Authority to tie in sectors; a conference call is scheduled this Friday.

C. Workforce Innovation Fund Project- LA Works Update

- YPIC is applying for a Workforce Innovation Fund grant. The objective is to target Latino students completing their junior year. There will be a control group and a treatment group; the treatment group will attend two weeks at University of New Mexico. The purpose is to evaluate: Does enrollment in post-secondary education increase for students who participate in the two-week College Works Program? LA Works is writing the grant, they asked YPIC to be the WIB that will be the lead agency. The partners include: University of New Mexico; Central New Mexico WIB, Dallas, TX; Lower Rio Grande, TX, Imperial, CA, Los Angeles, CA.

D. Rapid Response/Business Outreach Update

- Patrick Goetz made a presentation. The power point is attached.

E. Arizona Transfer Admissions Pathway Agreement

- University of Arizona and Arizona Western College had a press conference; they signed the agreement for sixteen programs that now transfer directly from AWC to UA.
- They had four students elaborate on their experiences with the

transfer program and one was a student that participated in our WIRED program.

- A few years ago, through the WIRED program, YPIC, AWC and UA were able to articulate an agreement for an Engineering Program (2 years at AWC, 2 years online, and one year in Tucson). We are proud of the fact that the same Engineering Program is one of the sixteen programs.

F. Western Arizona Economic Development Roundtable

- Arizona Association for Economic Development is holding a roundtable in Lake Havasu on March 21st.
- Chris Camacho, President of AAED, is having these roundtables around the State to ensure that Arizona has a unified voice on issues related to economic development.

G. AAED Economic Development Symposium, April 3rd, 2012

- Symposium will be based on workforce.
- Trying to keep the link as close as possible between workforce and economic development.
- Some YPIC staff will be attending.
- It will take place at the Phoenix Convention Center.

H. Proposed Next Meeting Date- April 11, 2012

VII. Discussion/Action items

N/A

VIII. Other Information and/or Committee Reports

Economic Development

Julie Engel reported:

-It is very important that we hit a home run when working with Asurion as it could open the door to a wealth of opportunity

- GYEDC will also be at the airshow to support YPIC

-The grants awarded through the ACA rural program; applied for four grants, two were funded: InsulTech (\$380,000) and Datepac

-YPIC, through their Rapid Response efforts, hired a person to be stationed at GYEDC working on the Business Retention and Expansion efforts. In April a survey will be launched and businesses will be

contacted. Julie hopes that this position can eventually turn into a permanent position.

-GYEDC is working on several projects that are “game changers” but they do take a long time and is not able to provide more information at this point.

-One of the new projects would involve dairy products (Sarah farms); Julie hopes to find a contact that can help in building a trustful relationship between GYEDC and Sarah Farms.

Ken Rosevear reported:

-The Chamber was contacted by Lockheed Martin

-The virtual border fence concept has been reincarnated

-They will be having a “Construction Fair” on April to find local contractors

-The contract has been signed; the project will be headquartered in Yuma

Finance and Personnel Committee, Report

-N/A

Charter High School, report:

Ed Ford reported:

- The EOC Charter High School Board met previous to this meeting
- Enrollment is at 105
- Attendance is at 92%
- Just finished a quarter- 7 students graduated
- Charter High School expenditures are right on budget

IX. Good of the Order

X. Call for Executive Session.

N/A

Ken Rosevear asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Larry Nelson moved to adjourn the meeting; Seconded by Ed Ford.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:00a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Adriana McBride