



**MINUTES – MEC REGULAR MEETING
4:00P.M, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2015
PIMA COUNTY LIBRARY LOWER LEVEL MEETING ROOM,
101 N. STONE AVE., TUCSON, ARIZONA**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Bill Ardern, Dr. Mary Jan Bancroft, Dr. Kent Barrabee, Diego Martinez Barrera, Jen Darland, Steve Freeman, Molly Gilbert, Javier Herrera, Amber Mathewson, Vicky Mullins, Aaron Myers, David Nicholson, Dr. Daisy Rodriguez Pitel, Jo Riester, Jennifer Sprung, Dr. Kasey Urquidez, Dr. June Webb-Vignery.

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Dr. Louis Albert, Dr. Linda Arzoumanian, Richard Elias, Deborah Embry, Teri Laguna, Paul Lovelis, Regina Romero, JoAnn Sayre, Dr. Alan Storm, Patricia Wiedhopf.

NON-COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Raquel Goodrich, Johanna Duffek, Edward Nossem.

- 1.0 CALL TO ORDER – DR. KASEY URQUIDEZ
The meeting was called to order at 4:10 p.m.
- 2.0 ROLL CALL – DR. KASEY URQUIDEZ
Roll call was conducted; a quorum was established.
- 3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – DR. KASEY URQUIDEZ
The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America was recited by all attendees.
- 4.0 APPROVAL OF JANUARY 21, 2015 MEETING MINUTES – DR. KASEY URQUIDEZ
Motion to approve: Jennifer Sprung
Second: Bill Ardern
Motion carried 17- 0.
- 5.0 APPROVAL OF JANUARY 2015 FINANCIAL REPORT – DR. KASEY URQUIDEZ
Motion: Jennifer Sprung
Second: Dr. Kent Barrabee
Motion carried 17-0.

6.0 TEXT, TALK, ACT: A NATIONAL DIALOGUE ON MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES – RAQUEL GOODRICH

Rachel Goodrich from the National Institute on Civil Discourse gave a presentation on Text, Talk, Act, an innovative approach to mental health conversation and intervention that combines text messaging, face-to-face dialogue, social media, and community organizing. One in four Americans experience mental health issues, and this is an effective tool for intervention and discussion. There will be a text-enabled national conversation on mental health on April 14th and May 7th, 2015.

7.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS – DR. KASEY URQUIDEZ

7.1 Budget – Bill Ardern

Mr. Ardern called attention to the Executive Directors Report and current MEC funding and proposals.

7.2 Crystal Apple Awards Luncheon – Dr. June Webb -Vignery

The 25th Annual Crystal Apple Awards Luncheon will take place on Friday, May 8th, 2015 at the Desert Diamond Casino & Hotel, 7350 S. Nogales Highway. We have 13 tables so far; there are: **Gold Sponsor:** Pima County School Superintendent’s Office; **Patron Sponsors:** Anonymous; **Table Sponsors:** Amphitheater Unified School District; Arizona School Boards Association; Bill Ardern; CenturyLink; CORE Construction; Richard Elias Pima County Board of Supervisors District 5; Pima County Joint Technological Education District (JTED); Sunnyside Unified School District; Tech Parks Arizona; Tucson Urban League; University of Arizona Enrollment Management; June Webb-Vignery (MEC). The Save-The-Date cards have been mailed, and the invitations will be mailed soon. Former MEC Commissioners are being invited to attend.

7.3 Appointments –Paul Lovelis (Not present)

Reappointment of Jennifer Sprung to MEC:

Motion: Javier Herrera

Second: Dr. Mary Jan Bancroft

Motion carried 17-0.

Reappointment of Dennis Barger to MEC”

Motion: Jennifer Sprung

Second: Molly Gilbert

Motion carried 17-0.

7.4 YAC/TTC – David Nicholson & Diego Martinez Barrera

The Student Lobby Day will take place on Wednesday, March 4th, 2015; transportation arrangements are being made. YAC/TTC members have been issued parental and school permission forms to be signed and returned to the MEC; the schools that had Teen Town Hall attendees will also be asked to send 2 representatives. Training for the Lobby Day took place at the Wednesday, January 7th YAC/TTC meeting; Senators Steve Farley and Dave Bradley, along with Jen Darland, presented on the Arizona Legislature and lobbying techniques. The youth have formed committees that will meet with Senate and House members. Jo Riestler has arranged for a donation for the student lunches. The YAC/TTC has also been in consultation with the LULAC Career Fair, offering excellent suggestions for workshop topics.

7.5 Issues –Pat Wiedhopf - No action.

7.6 Regional College Access Center – Dr. June Webb-Vignery (for David Rodriguez)
Dr. Urquidez updated the Commission bringing the College Advising Corps to Tucson, and eventually to the rest of Arizona through ASU and NAU.

7.7 Key to Employment – Ed Nossem

The K2E took place on Wednesday, February 11th at the University of Arizona Student Union, 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. 467 students and 56 chaperones attended; we had 51 exhibit tables. Workshops presented included UA College of Engineering, UA / Pima Community College Transfer Program, and 2 Regional College Access Presentations. Initial feedback from students and exhibitors was very favorable.

8.0 CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No action.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT – DR. KASEY URQUIDEZ

Motion to Adjourn: Molly Gilbert

Second: Amber Mathewson

The motion passed 17-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.