

Planning, Policy Development, and Legislation Committee
Merced County Department of Business Economic Opportunities
2000 M Street, Merced, CA
March 27, 2002, 3:00 – 5:00 P.M.
Meeting Minutes



Members Present: Andrea Baker, Nick Benjamin, George Brown, Harry Dull, Peter Fluetsch, (Chair), John Fowler, Brian Griffin

Members Absent: Carol Greenberg

PITD Staff Present: Debby Hoban, John Kasnick, Ed McLaughlin, Richard Skarke

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call** – The Chair called the meeting to order. A sign in sheet was used in lieu of roll call.
2. **Agenda** – The agenda was approved as published with addition of item 7b, Funding for Next Year.
3. **Approval of Minutes** – It was *M/S/C Fowler/Dull* to approve the February 27, 2002 minutes.
4. **Public Opportunity to Speak** – None present
5. **Update – Meet the WIB Contest** – Committee members were reminded that Workforce Investment Board (WIB) tours are available and were encouraged to visit the sites. Brian Griffin had his WIB card updated.
6. **Action Agenda:**
 - a. **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) – Job Corps** – It was *M/S/C Fowler/Benjamin* to recommend that the Board approve the MOU and authorize the Chair to execute the same.
 - b. **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) – Experience Works** – It was *M/S/C Fowler/Benjamin* to recommend that the Board approve the MOU and authorize the Chair to execute the same.
7. **Information Agenda:**
 - a. **Registered Nurse Training Program** – Staff advised changes were made to the expanded Registered Nurse (RN) Training Program. Action paper will be presented to the Board at the meeting on Thursday, March 28, 2002, with proposed motions: (1) The Board concur with the expansion of the RN program for six (6) students each semester for a minimum of two years, and (2) Direct staff to negotiate a cost per participant contract to assist the expansion not to exceed 13% of the training dollars and supportive services for a two-year period.
 - b. **Funding for 2002-2003 Year** – Members were provided with 2000/2001, 2001/2002 and 2002/2003 state funding data. Since inception of WIA, the State has lost 11.6% of their funding, with 1.58% of the funding lost locally. The local budget for 2002-2003 has been cut approximately \$600,000. Ms. Baker informed members that the new budget includes 2% increase in adult funding, 3% in youth funding, and 20% decrease in dislocated workers funding. Also, the amount of the carryover into next year will be only half of what was brought into this year (\$1,500,000).

8. Chair Comments – Chair noted that this was the first meeting to last only 35 minutes and asked if the committee needed to meet so often. Staff has nothing coming up at the present time. Self-sufficiency Wage and Plan Modification will be coming up at a later date. Mr. John Fowler indicated this time of year is when new state legislation comes up, and the committee should set a meeting date contingent upon whether or not there are legislative issues to address in the month of April.

9. Other Comments – Mr. Fowler noted the issue of extension for Lambra Zone at Castle Airport Aviation and Development Center. The AB 2875 would extend life of Lambra Zone by five (5) years. It was recommended the issue be added under public opportunities at the WIB meeting, and to ask the WIB Chair to sign a letter of support.

10. Next Meeting Date and Time – The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 24, 2002, at the Merced County Department of Business Economic Opportunities, 2000 M Street, Merced, CA, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. If there are no items for the agenda, the meeting will be canceled one (1) week prior to the meeting date.

11. Adjourn – It was M/S/C *Fowler/Benjamin* to adjourn at 3:45 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Debby Hoban