

TO: Workforce Investment Board

Date: 3/28/02

FROM: Youth Council

For Action
 For Information
 Meeting Notes

SUBJECT: Renewal of the MCOE/ROP Younger Youth Contract

PROPOSED MOTION:

That the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) concur with the Youth Council's recommendation to renew the younger youth contract with MCOE/ROP through June 30, 2004.

DISCUSSION:

MCOE/ROP is the lead agency in Merced County's Younger Youth, Workforce Investment Act (WIA) program. They are contracted to provide employment and training services for 1063 WIA eligible youths, 14 through 18 years old. A recent program review (Oct, 2001 - Feb, 2002) conducted by the Monitoring Unit, Private Industry Training Department revealed that MCOE/ROP is running a quality program and fulfilling its contract requirements. Youth are learning work readiness skills and improving academic skills, and the staff continues to grow professionally.

There is some concern that the current program has not fully embraced the Youth Development Model. That issue is being worked by the new project manager. Immediately after this issue surfaced, MCOE received training on Youth Development from the WIB's management consultant, Ms. Lorrie Strumpf.

The Youth Council believes that this excellent younger youth program will continue to improve and provide outstanding service to the younger youth of Merced County.

ATTACHMENTS: