

**WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD OF MERCED COUNTY
PROGRAM PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
EDUCATION ACTION TEAM
FLUETSCH AND BUSBY CONFERENCE ROOM
725 W. 18TH STREET
2:00 P.M. – 3:30 P.M. APRIL 17, 2003**

Members Present: Peter Fluetch, Al Romero, Mike Boardman, Micki Archuleta, Dr. Robert Fore

Members Absent: Anne Newins, Don Bergman

WI Staff: Joanne Presnell, Donna Ornelas, Maria Castro

1. **Introductions** – The chair called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. with members introducing themselves.
2. **Discussion with Possible Action Agenda** - Discussion on goals and how to achieve the Merced County Vision.
 - a. **Discussion of Education document derived from the source document “People, Place, Prosperity-Positioning for Global Competitiveness”**

There was discussion about the three weaknesses; 1) K-12 students do not score well on standardized tests, and high school graduation rates are generally below the state average, 2) Youth are not learning the skills needed to get and keep a good job (soft and hard skills), 3) There isn't a strong collaboration between employers and schools and colleges to provide opportunities for technical training and skill building of youth and adults. All members agreed weaknesses are accurate and valid.

The Youth Employability Card Program was discussed along with ideas to garner support for businesses to utilize the program.

3. **Next Meeting Date and Time** – May 15, 2003 at the Fluetsch & Busby Conference room, 725 West 18th Street, Merced, CA
4. **Adjourn** – Meeting adjourned at 3:25 pm.