

**Workforce Investment Board  
Merced County Agriculture Extension  
2139 W. Wardrobe Ave  
Merced, CA  
May 12, 2005 3:00-5:00 p.m.  
Meeting Minutes**



<http://web.co.merced.ca.us/wi/wib/wib.html>

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**Members Present:**

Lee Andersen	Andrea Baker	Nicolas Benjamin
Ben Duran	Phil Flores	Peter Fluetsch
John Fowler	Scott Galbraith	Ned Miller
Albert Montejano	Anne Newins	Terry Nichols
Al Peterson	Carole Roberds	Al Romero
Mike Smith	Mike Sullivan	

**Members Absent:**

Ed Anderson	Don Bergman	Bob Bittner
Sharon Cresswell	Kathleen Crookham	Ernie Flores
Carol Greenberg	Jeremiah Greggains	Robert Harmon
Charlie Lambert	Rick Osorio	Steve Tinetti
Tom Tsubota		

**Others Present:**

Donna Barnes	Dave Davis	Eddie Harding
Al Kratzer	Joanne Presnell	Penny Sawyer
John Spevak	Jackie Walther-Parnell	

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- I. Call to Order/Roll Call - The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Nellie McGarry. Roll call was taken by Donna Barnes.
- II. Approval of Agenda - It was M/S/C Fluetch/Miller to approve the agenda as written.
- III. Approval of Minutes – It was M/S/C Fowler/Roberds to approve the minutes of March 10, 2005.
- IV. Public Opportunity to Speak - Penny Sawyer and John Spevak, both from Merced College were in attendance. Ms. Sawyer gave an overview of the RN/LVN programs. Mr. Spevak noted that, currently there are 96 students in the program. There was discussion on graduation rates from nursing programs. Ms. Sawyer noted that Merced is known for its rigorous program. She also noted, while the program structure is designed to produce quality health care professionals, staff are working on processes to ensure success. There was discussion on grants that Merced College uses to assist students.
- V. Action Agenda
  - a. WIB Elections - It was M/S/C Miller/Fowler to accept the ballot of candidates as follows, Nellie McGarry - Chair, Mike Sullivan - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair, and Albert Montejano – 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair. It was M/S/C Fowler/Romero the candidates be affirmed by acclamation.
  - b. PLATO Lab – RFP Bidders Selection - It was M/S/C Fluetsch/Sullivan (abstentions: Duran, Peterson Roberds , Newins) to approve the recommendation to accept and submit the negotiated contracts to the Board of Supervisors.
  - c. Operational Agreements – Child Abuse Treatment (CHAT) - It was M/S/C Duran/Benjamin to approve the operational agreements between Human Services Agency and Workforce Investment Board. In

addition, some of the Board members requested additional information on the program at a future meeting.

- VI.** Consent Agenda – It was M/S/C Fowler/Anderson (abstention: Duran, Newins) to approve the consent agenda items a-e.
- a. WIB Membership – Bob Fore
  - b. WIB Membership – Larry Pitts
  - c. WIB Membership – Chris Rosander
  - d. Ratify RN Program Continuation
  - e. Ratify LVN Program Continuation

- VII.** Information Agenda
- a. PY 2004-2005 Performance Measures - Included in the meeting package.
  - b. Merced County Nursing Program Expansion and Medical Assistant Lattice Project (Health Link) – Andrea noted the Department of Workforce Investment applied for and was granted an award from the Governor’s 15% grant. The award was in the amount of \$683,000 for two years. Ms. Baker noted the funding will be available to help with training for medical assistants and other medical trades that create career lattices.
  - c. NEG Update – Included in the meeting package.
  - d. Safeway Promotional Video – The video was not shown due to technical difficulties.
  - e. LMI Updates – Included in the meeting package.
  - f. Fiscal/Participant Data Reports – included in the meeting package.
  - g. Committee Reports - [www.co.merced.ca.us/wi/wib/wib.html](http://www.co.merced.ca.us/wi/wib/wib.html)

- VIII.** Legislative Advocacy Report/Director’s Comments – Ms. Baker gave an overview of the proposed legislation, which she noted currently does not include “WIA Plus” in current bill. Ms. Baker reported the Bureau of Labor Statistics used incorrect statistics to calculate the allocation, therefore, the original information provided to Merced County was incorrect and it is anticipated there will not be further information on the allocation until June.

The workforce housing task force information should be going to the Merced County Board of Supervisors in July.

The Department of Workforce Investment will be participating in Armed Forces Day, May 2. The department will have a Worknet booth at the information fair.

There will be WIB certification training June 14, 8:00-5:00.

- IX.** Chair Comment - Nellie McGarry thanked the Board for support over the last year. She expressed her plan to move the Board forward over the next year and to address critical youth issues.

- X.** Other - Albert Montejano shared with the WIB how his involvement with the WIB has proved valuable in connecting the City Council, work, and the Board functions.

- XI.** Next Meeting –July 14, 2005

- XII.** Adjourn - Meeting adjourned 3:55 p.m.