

**WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD OF MERCED COUNTY
PROGRAM PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
EDUCATION ACTION TEAM
WORKNET TRAINING ANNEX
1108 W. 16TH STREET
2:00 P.M. – 3:30 P.M. May 15, 2003**

Members Present: Peter Fluetch, Paul Alderete, Micki Archuleta, Robert Fore, Lee Andersen, Tom Scheidt, Beth Mitchell, Don Bergman

Members Absent: Al Romero, Mike Boardman

WI Staff: Joanne Presnell, Maria Castro

1. **Introductions** – The chair called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. with self introductions.
2. **Update from Lee Andersen on the Merced County Educational community Council** – Lee Andersen provided information on the Merced County Educational Council. A Sample Board Resolution Supporting District Participation in Merced County K-16 was made available for review.
3. **The Youth Employability Card (YEC)** – There was discussion on what to do to improve business use of the YEC. Three ideas were discussed: 1) Additional marketing through Chamber events. 2) Dept. of Workforce Investment Business Services Unit to promote Employability Card when making contacts and establish database of employers who utilize YEC. 3) ROP Teachers to promote the card and enlist participation when contacting businesses.
4. **Prioritize the weaknesses and select one to address.**
 - a. **Discuss what is currently being done to mitigate the weakness** – Merced County Educational Community Council will be working with items 1) K-12 students do not score well on standardized tests, and high school graduation rates are generally below the state average, and 2) Youth are not learning the skills needed to get and keep a good job (soft and hard skills).
 - b. **Identify what this action team can do to promote success.**
The Education Action Team will be working on Item 3., Technical training and skill building of youth and adults. Tom Scheidt, Lee Andersen, Robert Fore and Paul Alderete will bring information to the next Education meeting about technical training available in Merced County.
5. **Chair's Comments** – The chair discussed Measure K and that it did not pass. There is a concern about outdated and inadequate facilities and funding. In Los Banos developers fees would be a way to fund facilities, but this, along with Bond Measures is controversial.
6. **Next Meeting Date and Time** – June 12, 2003, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. at the Worknet Training Annex located at 1108 W. 16th Street, Merced, CA
7. **Adjourn** – Meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.