

Planning, Policy Development, and Legislation Committee
Merced County Department of Business Economic Opportunities
2000 M Street, Merced, CA
May 22, 2002, 3:00 – 5:00 P.M.
Meeting Minutes



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

Members Absent: Ernie Flores, Rhonda Walton

PITD Staff Present: Debby Hoban, John Kasnick, Ed McLaughlin, Dick 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.
3. **Approval of Minutes** – It was *M/S/C Benjamin/Baker* to approve the April 24, 2002 minutes.
4. **Public Opportunity to Speak** – None present.
5. **Update – Meet the WIB Contest** – Brian Griffin visited with Penny Sawyer and Lou Braxton at Merced College.
6. **Action Agenda:**
 - a. **Self-Sufficiency Wage** – It was *M/S/C Fowler/Brown* that the Committee recommends the Board (1) establish the Self-Sufficiency Wage for Adults at \$10.62 per hour, and (2) establish the Self-Sufficiency Wage for Dislocated Workers at 85% of the individual’s dislocation (layoff) wage, but in no event less than the Adult Self-Sufficiency Wage.
 - b. **Building Trades Program** – Andrea Baker attended the Building Trades Program meeting in Manteca and gave an update about the program to the committee. The number of WIA participants has been less than 50%. HSA is picking up the cost for CalWorks and other participants. Decision was made to cancel the July class and then determine if there will be a class in October. She will keep the committee posted on the negotiations among HSA, Merced College, PITD, Northern California Carpenters Union, and other unions. No action was taken at this time. (A subsequent decision has been made by the three partnering agencies; Merced College, Human Services Agency, and PITD to discontinue this program due to decrease in funding and enrollments.)
7. **Information Agenda:**
 - a. **Annual Plan Modification** – Committee members were provided copies of Preliminary Annual Budget, Fiscal Year 2002/2003 and Participant Plan for Fiscal Year 2002/2003.
8. **Chair Comments** – The Chair discussed an article, “*Why Battle Over Nurse Credentials Matters*,” from Wall Street Journal, April 18, 2002, issue.

9. Other Comments – Andrea Baker provided information submitted by Merced College in answer to questions asked about completions in the RN and LVN Programs.

10. Next Meeting Date and Time – The next meeting will be Wednesday, June 26, 2002, at the Merced County Department of Business Economic Opportunities, 2000 M Street, Merced, CA, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

11. Adjourn – Meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Debby Hoban