

TO: Workforce Investment Board

Date: May 23, 2002

FROM: Youth Council

For Action
 For Information
 Meeting Notes

SUBJECT: Amendment to MCOE/ROP Younger Youth Program

PROPOSED MOTION:

Information Only

DISCUSSION:

During the March 28, 2002 meeting, the WIB concurred with the Youth Council's recommendation to renew the younger youth contract with MCOE/ROP.

The amendment has been negotiated and was approved by the Youth Council on May 10th. The amendment extends the contract until June 30, 2004, will serve 1,200 students, and is budgeted for \$3,910,092 for 24 months.

The contract will remain basically unchanged but will serve more clients. Costs have risen because experience proved that more provider staff were needed and those staff required more of their time dedicated to the program. MCROP intends to also serve an additional 137 youth (1,200 vs. 1,063). Additionally, 6 field trips each year and student incentive dollars have been added to the budget. The Operations Committee directed an increase to the summer employment program. As a result, 100 additional youth will participate in summer paid work experience over each of the next 2 years.

The program has also expanded its use of the Youth Development Model. No longer does the contract state that SCANS will be used exclusively. Mention is made of incorporating youth development models from Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) and the Future Farmers of America (FFA). The

Work Statement has also added the contractual requirements for the Merced Union High School District(MUHSD), Jobs for California Graduates (JCG), Lao Family Community, Merced County Housing Authority, Merced County School-to-Career Business/Education Partnership (STC), and Merced Adult School.

Two final changes: the requirement to simply show increases in school attendance and decreases in substance abuse and teen pregnancy has changed to a specific 5.8% increase or decrease. Finally, the contract adds quarterly, written report requirements to be presented to the Youth Council.

ATTACHMENTS: N/A