

**Merced County
Workforce Investment Board
Atwater Community Center
Meeting Minutes
May 24, 2001**

- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call** – The WIB Chair, Steve Tinetti called the meeting to order and roll was taken by Donna Ornelas.

Members Present:

Susan Armstong	Andrea Baker	Nicolas Benjamin
Don Bergman	Bob Bittner	George Brown
Bill Cahill	Doreen Crawford	Sharon Cresswell
Kathleen Crookham	Harry Dull	Ben Duran
Ernie Flores	Peter Fluetsch	John Fowler
Don Gormly	John Headding	Jeff Knapp
Leo Lamb	Charlie Lambert	Tom May
Nellie McGarry	Jack Mobley	Anne Newins
Grover Omyer	Rick Osorio	Alfonse Peterson
Carole Roberds	Dick Shipley	Mike Sullivan
Steve Tinetti	Elaine Trevino	

Members Absent:

Kathy Andrade	Richard Becker	Bob Carpenter
Elaine Craig	Carol Greenberg	Brian Griffin
Robert Harmon	Diana Ingram	Gisela Malone
Ned Miller	Leslie Peeler	David Riordan
Al Romero	Mike Smith	Helen Sullivan
James White		

- 2. Approval of Agenda** – It was *M/S/C May/Fowler* to approve the agenda as written.
- 3. Approval of Minutes** - It was *M/S/C Gormly/Omyer* to approve the minutes of March 22, 2001.
- 4. Public Opportunity to Speak** – Marv Bolling representing Castle Now and Beyond spoke on the castle reuse. He noted that information on all the tenants at Castle are listed on the website. (www.castleabc.com). He encouraged members to get acquainted with Castle and visit the website.

Harry Gossett from Merced College expressed his gratitude to the WIB for their support on the truck driving program. He noted the program is no longer in operation because the instructors have left the country on a religious retreat.

5. Success Stories

- a. Stan Smith, Building Trades – Jerry Phelps spoke about the success of Mr. Smith. Not only was he among the first graduating class of the Building Trades Program but also graduated at the top of his class. Mr. Smith arrived after the initial presentation, however thanked the WIB and PITD for making the training possible and giving him the opportunity to be self sufficient.
- b. Barry Mann, Dos Palos Police Dept. -- B.J. Hannah introduced Barry Mann who is now employed with Dos Palos Police Department. This was the first training of this type through PITD. Mr. Mann thanked the people and organizations who have made this possible. Additionally, Dos Palos Chief Techeira spoke about the outstanding job that Mr. Mann is doing.
- c. Aaron Charles, Ex-Youth Participant – Anna Partida introduced Mr. Charles who is currently employed with Mercy Hospital as a food preparer. Mr. Charles noted how closely staff worked with him while he was in the program. He thanked the staff and stated that he is moving on to nursing training.

6. Consent Agenda – It was *M/S/C Bergman/Cahill* to approve consent agenda with the removal of item **d.** and item **e.** for further discussion.

- a. Transfer of Vans to Firm Build
- b. Building Trades Sheds
- c. WIB/Sheriff’s Dept Collaborative
- d. RN Program
- e. Proposed Youth Council Conference

Don Bergman noted that in regard to item **d. RN Program**, Kaiser Permente will be getting funding from ETP for the RN program. Although, this additional funding will be available to serve more students, it was noted that the additional training being requested would still not meet the demands for this field. It was *M/S/C Bergman/Crookham (abstension – Duran and Newins)* to approve the request for the expansion of the RN program.

Nellie McGarry noted in regard to item **e. Proposed Youth Council Conference**, that California Workforce Association will be assisting Merced County in putting on the conference which is planned for April/May 2002.

7. Action Agenda

- a. **Kings View Project** - It was *M/S/C Fowler/Benjamin (abstension – Crawford)* to approve \$105,472 of JTPA carryover incentive funds to support the expansion of Kings View graphics project. The project is training for developmentally disabled adults. Use of the incentive funds will be to purchase equipment, both eastside and westside of county, as well as marketing, and training.
- b. **Self-Sufficiency Wage** – It was *M/S Lamb/Mobley* to send the motion back to the committee for clarification, and add the following wording to the proposal: “In order to received training, the client shall...” *The motion was rejected.*

There was further discussion and noted that the law addressed the purpose of establishing the self-sufficiency wage. It was *M/S/C Crookham/Heading* approve the proposal to (1) Establish the self sufficiency wage for adult s at \$10 per hour, (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 and (3) direct that self sufficiency wage(s) shall be reassessed at least once per year.

- c. **RFP for Asset Mapping and Gap Analysis** – It was *M/S Bergman/Osorio* to approve the request for the Youth Council to issue a Request for Proposal to purchase an Asset Mapping and Gap Analysis. There was discussion and it was noted that in order for the Board to approve this the request should include a dollar amount not to be exceeded. *The motion was rejected.*
 - d. **Nomination to Youth Council** – It was *M/S/C McGarry/Duran* to appoint Rebecca Lincoln to the Youth Council.
- 8. Information Agenda** - It was noted that the following items were for information only and discussion would only take place if there were questions.
- a. **WIB Bylaws** – There was a request for clarification on the need for quorum at subcommittee meetings. This is to be addressed by the Bylaws Committee and brought back to the full WIB.
 - b. **Employment & Training Panel Presentation** – Presentation given by Polo Enriquez
 - c. **Lockheed Martin Project Presentation** – Presentation given by Ken Wiseman
 - d. **Synopsis of Programs**
 - e. **WIB Brochure/Organization Charts**
 - f. **WIB Phone Number**
 - g. **Pie Charts/WIA Funding**
 - h. **Monitoring Reports**
 - i. **Summer Youth Program**
 - j. **Committee Meeting Minutes**
 - k. **Nominating Committee**
 - l. **WIB Meeting Day/Time (7/26/01 and 9/27/01)**
- 9. Committee Chair Reports**
- a. **Finance Committee** – Tom May indicated there was nothing new to report on.
 - b. **Marketing and Partnership** – Elaine Trevino reported that the committee has been working an RFP for a logo and is continuing to work on the marketing campaign.
 - c. **Education and Employers** – Don Gormly reported that the committee is working on the employability card and anticipates the draft will be completed in June.
 - d. **Standards and Certifications** – John Heading reported that the committee is working on draft certification criteria for One Stops. He noted the draft criteria was available in the form of handout at the meeting.
 - e. **Planning and Policy Development** – Peter Fluetsch reported that the committee has been working on self-sufficiency wage.

- f. **Youth Council** – Nellie McGarry reported that an official logo has been selected. Additionally, she reported that she recently attended a youth conference and received valuable information that will be shared with other committees.

10. Discussion Items

- a. **WIB Staffing Options** – Andrea Baker presented two staffing options, at the request of the Executive Committee. It was noted that neither option provided any financial data. Mr. Tinetti requested that the financial information be provided, and for the sake of time, further discussion be postponed until the July WIB meeting.
- b. **Hot Topics** – Andrea Baker reported that the WIB, Merced College, and PITD are working on a H1B grant for \$3 million. The intention for this funding will be to provide training in the following four areas: Telecommunications, Advanced Manufacturing, Biotechnology, and Health Care.

11. Chair Comments – Congratulations to Andrea Baker for her appointment as the Director of PITD. Mr. Tinetti reminded the new members of the WIB that they are required to sit on at least one additional committee. Mr. Tinetti also asked that Chairs for each of the committees appoint a Vice Chair who can conduct the meetings or provide reports in the absence of the Chair.

12. Other – None

13. Adjournment - Meeting adjourned 5:25 p.m.