

**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. June 12, 2003**

Members Present: Paul Alderete, Lee Andersen, Micki Archuleta, Peter Fluetch, Tom Scheidt

Members Absent: Don Bergman, Mike Boardman, Robert Fore, Beth Mitchell, Al Romero

WI Staff: Maria Castro, Dave Davis, Joanne Presnell

Others Present: Donna Acheson, Barbara Adams, Bill Ahnen, Kristi Davis, Keith Petiti, Sylvia Smith

- 1. Introductions** – The chair called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. with self-introductions.
- 2. Presentation of Technical/Vocational Training in Merced County.** – Merced High School Vocational/Technical Teachers made brief presentations on career programs. A Merced High School course catalog was made available for review, along with course catalogs from the other High Schools in the Merced Union High School District.

Mr. Keith Petiti began presentation on classes offered on Keyboarding, Computer Programming, and Computer Applications. An Electronic Design and Studio course is in development and in the process of getting all the textbooks. Students are offered the opportunity to obtain a Microsoft Users Proficiency Certificate as well as a basic Computer Programming class. Groups of students are also offered the opportunity to visit Fresno State workshops in entrepreneurship were students compete on implementing a business plan, building a business, and making presentations.

Mr. Bill Ahnen, Industrial Technology Teacher, made a brief presentation on Merced High School Auto shop, Metal shop, Wood shop, and Drafting, all of which are hands on project-based learning. The importance of safety is taught due to students working with fire and various types of machinery and equipment. Mr. Ahnen discussed the Automotive Class, which is community classroom based and students are trained for two months to work at a job site in the community. A Repair and Maintenance Mechanic course is in development.

Ms. Donna Acheson, Family and Consumer Science Teacher, who teaches Fashion Design, gave a presentation. The course introduces students to the fashion industry and introduces them to color schemes. Students work on computer software CAD Program called Snap Fashion, this is an industry-based program for fashion design. Students are able to create their own design on the computer, create a garment, and print out a picture of the garment. The course briefly touches on merchandizing skills and students are then able to create a visual display in the classroom. Mrs. Acheson also discussed the Creative Design and Merchandizing class, an ROP class in which students are placed at a job site in the community. Ms. Acheson also teaches Careers in Education, which is an overview of the teaching profession.

Barbara Adams discussed the three areas of teaching within her department. One being with Ms. Acheson, Family and Consumer Science Teacher, the second, Christy Davis, Child Development and Education, and third, Introduction to Health Careers, taught by Barbara Adams. Introduction to Health Careers is a survey course offered to juniors and seniors. This course surveys different

careers within the health industry. The second component to the course is a biology class, the third area covers the social, demographic, and legal aspects of dealing with death. Students are then offered an ROP Pre-nursing and Health Career Program. The Health and Family Living course covers human behavior, responsibility, healthy lifestyles and choices people make is offered to students.

Christy Davis, ROP Child Development and Education Instructor, provided a folder which outlined available courses for review. This folder is distributed to 8th grade students so that they may see the sequence of courses available to them in High School if they wish to pursue a career in Child Development. The Child and Infant Development Center Ms. Davis teaches is located at East Campus and is a fully licensed childcare facility. In addition, services are provided for children of High School Students.

Holly Newlon and Lee Anderson spoke about the Merced County ROP and YOP programs.

Paul Alderete stated that Los Banos had many of the Technical Programs that were described by the Vocational/Technical teachers at Merced High School.

3. **Chair's Comments** – The Chair was impressed and surprised at the variety of technical and vocational class available and thanked everyone for their presentations.
4. **Next Meeting Date and Time** – July 24, 2003, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m, location to TBA.
5. **Adjourn** – Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m