

Workforce Investment Board of Merced County
Finance Committee
Department of Workforce Investment (Small Conf Rm)
1880 W. Wardrobe Ave, Merced, CA
Wednesday, June 29, 2005, 7:30–9:00 a.m.
Meeting Minutes



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Members Present: Lee Andersen, John Fowler, Alfonse Peterson (Vice Chair), Vann (Mike) Smith (Chair)

Members Absent: Andrea Baker, Ed Anderson

Staff Present: Dave Davis, Dee Knight, Joanne Presnell, Jackie Walther-Parnell

1. Call to Order: The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. A sign-in sheet was used in lieu of roll call.

2. Approve Agenda: It was *M/S/C Peterson/Fowler* to approve the agenda as published.

3. Approve Minutes (April 27, 2005): It was *M/S/C Fowler/Peterson* to approve the April 27, 2005 minutes.

4. Public Opportunity to Speak: None.

5. Information Agenda:

a. Fiscal Report: Staff provided handouts of the Allocations, Obligations and Expenses for FY 2004/05 (July 1, 2004-June 30, 2005) through May 31, 2005, gave an overview of the report and answered specific questions.

It was noted that up to 20% of unobligated funds could be carried over to FY 2005/06. The Demo Grant (for visual and hearing impaired equipment) will be expended by the end of June 2005, as stipulated by the grant. Any unused monies for Administration (10% of total formula grants are available for administration) can be reallocated to program.

b. Contracts Status Report: All contracts are on target, and have been renewed. The Department is waiting for WIA Reauthorization. Determination of how the youth funds are allocated for younger and older youth will depend on Reauthorization.

c. Enterprise Zone Voucher Program: This program is scheduled to end December 31, 2006, and there has been no decision to extend it. LAMBRA was extended through calendar year 2012. The Department will be recalculating to determine if the fee charged is covering the processing cost.

d. Fiscal and Procurement Monitoring: Staff provided the Final Monitoring Report from the Employment Development Department for PY 2004/05, which was for the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) grant funds. The report concluded the Department is meeting all WIA requirements for financial management and procurement, and there were no findings.

6. Chair Comments: The Chair asked committee members for comments.

a. Mr. John Fowler noted Commerce, Aviation and Economic Development is waiting to hear from some of the 10-12 companies they have invited to reside on Castle Airport property.

Merced County Office of Education (MCOE) has leased a building at Castle Airport to operate an Automotive Skills Training Program for high school students and adults. The program will be channeled through automotive dealers.

b. Mr. Lee Andersen noted the Merced County P-16 Council was spotlighted for its collaboration at the Long Beach Statewide Conference last week. The Council was well represented, and Ms. Nellie McGarry described the development of Merced's Council. The P-16 Council will be applying for a \$50,000 State Grant that has been created for P-16 Councils.

c. MCOE is starting up the operation of two childcare/preschool programs—1) An Alternative Payment Program (subsidies to low income families for childcare) that was previously operated by Children's Services Network; and 2) Merced Head Start.

MCOE will be promoting childcare support for employers, particularly if employers are coming to Merced County and looking at availability of childcare, or to link up existing large employers with nearby childcare centers.

d. Staff noted the Department is collaborating with Merced College on a grant application that will give assistance in mentoring RN students who have failed in some area(s) to help them get back on track. When the grant is received the Department will provide eligibility and participant reporting.

7. Next Meeting Date: The next meeting is July 27, 2005, 7:30-9:00 a.m., in the Wardrobe Small Conference Room.

8. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 8:02 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Devilla D. Knight.