

**TO: Program Planning & Development**

**DATE: 8/24/06**

**FROM: WIB Staff**

**For Action**

**For Information**

**For Discussion**

**SUBJECT: Retreat Outcomes**

**PROPOSED MOTION(S): For Discussion Only.**

**DISCUSSION: On July 24, 2006, Ms. Virginia Hamilton facilitated the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) Retreat, and proposed a question which guided the direction of the WIB – What do we want to see in place as a result of the Merced WIB in the next year? To answer this question two-thirds of WIB members participated and identified 6 important areas of focus:**

- ***IMPLEMENT ONE ADDITIONAL INDUSTRY CLUSTER (PP&D)***
- ***IDENTIFY AND DELIVER SERVICES NEEDED BY BUSINESSES***
- ***INCREASED PRIVATE SECTOR INVOLVEMENT AND OWNERSHIP OF WIB***
- ***INCREASED VISIBILITY WITH CLEAR, CONSISTENT MESSAGE FOCUSED ON BUSINESS. (PP&D)***
- ***MORE DIVERSE RESOURCES WITH EFFECTIVENESS/EFFICIENCY MEASURES***
- ***CLARIFIED RULES AND RESPONSIBILITIES AND IMPROVED COMMUNICATION WITH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (PP&D)***

**Additionally, WIB members felt that the current committee structure needed modification to achieve the above. The members felt “workgroups” would better serve the WIB’s vision of the future. A follow-up meeting to delineate the workgroups will occur immediately following Ms. Hamilton’s feedback report.**

**ATTACHMENT(S): N/A**