

Planning, Policy Development, and Legislation Committee
Merced County Department of Business Economic Opportunities
2000 M Street, Merced, CA
September 25, 2002, 3:00 P.M.
Meeting Minutes



Members Present: Andrea Baker, Nick Benjamin, George Brown, Ernie Flores, Peter Fluetsch (Chair), John Fowler, Brian Griffin

Members Absent: Harry Dull, Carol Greenberg

WI Staff Present: Debby Hoban, Joanne Presnell, Chuck Purcell

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call** – The Chair called the meeting to order. A sign-in sheet was used in lieu of roll call.
2. **Agenda** – The agenda was approved as published.
3. **Approval of Minutes** – It was *M/S/C Griffin/Baker* to approve the August 28, 2002 minutes.
4. **Public Opportunity to Speak** – None present.
5. **Update – Meet the WIB Contest** – None
6. **Action Agenda:**
 - a. **Request for Funds for the Business Outreach Program** – Mr. John Fowler gave a brief overview. Merced County Department of Business-Economic Opportunities (BEO) lost 75% of its funding of its Business Outreach Program which is in hold status as of the end of August. The BEO is seeking Workforce Investment Board (WIB) support to complete the work started this year and to cover costs for FY 2003-2004 in amount of \$158,062. This was presented to the WIB Executive Committee and they put it on the agenda for the WIB meeting on September 26, 2002. WIB Executive Committee asked that this be discussed further and action taken at the Planning, Policy Development, and Legislation Committee.

It was *M/S/C Flores/Benjamin* (abstained Fowler) to support a Request for Funds for the Business Outreach Program in the amount of \$66,496 for the remainder of FY 2002/2003.
 - b. **Merced County Community Action Agency (MCCAA) MOU Amendment** – The MCCAA is not required to provide Performance and Cost Information locally. The amendment will delete this requirement.

It was *M/S/C Fowler/Griffin* to approve Amendment to the MOU between WIB and MCCAA and send to the WIB for final approval.
 - c. **Central Valley Opportunity Center (CVOC) MOU Amendment** – The MOU Amendment would delete requirement for CVOC to provide a 40-hour Citizenship Training Program for One-Stop customers at its location or at the affiliate One-Stop site in Los Banos. CVOC has not taught this class in over 2 years.

It was *M/S/C Flores/Benjamin* to approve the MOU Amendment between WIB and CVOC and send to the WIB for final approval.

- d. Individual Training Account (ITA) Exception** – Ms. Andrea Baker noted that due to a shortage of police officers the Department of Workforce Investment (MCDWI), the Merced County Sheriff's Department, and Merced Police Department (MPD) have discussed establishing the officers training program. MPD is asking for assistance in sponsoring four candidates for the Basic Police Academy at Modesto Junior College. MPD is asking MCDWI to cover the cost of books and tuition with MPD picking up the cost of uniforms, weapon, ammunition, etc. MPD will screen the candidates, conduct all appropriate testing of candidates, and identify candidates they would appropriately support through the process. MCDWI would look at the candidates and establish if they are WIA eligible. Once enrolled in training, the student would be placed on MPD payroll. The academy in Modesto and Fresno City College in Fresno are the only places that offer this type of training.

It was *M/S/C Brown/Flores* to recommend to the WIB that the Basic Police Academy offered at Modesto Junior College be made an exception to the ITA policy.

7. Information Agenda:

- a. Building Trades Final Report** –The Building Trades Final Report lists the final numbers of students in the program through June 2002. It lists totals of who completed training, who obtained employment, and numbers enrolled from CalWORKS, Merced County Department of Workforce Investment (MCDWI) and Merced College.
- b. Community Forum Participant Questionnaire** – Staff noted the document is a compilation of responses to the questions asked of attendees at the Community Forum held on August 29, 2002. There were 170 responses. Major elements identified were education, attracting professionals, diversity, and training/retraining. Request was made to make a synopsis of the responses giving the percentages of most respondents, and the most important concerns/issues.

8. Chair Comments – None

9. Next Meeting/Date/Time – The next meeting will be Wednesday, October 30, 2002, at the Merced County Department of Business Economic Opportunities, 2000 M Street, Merced, at 3:00 p.m.

10. Adjourn – Meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Debby Hoban

