

TO: WIB Executive Committee

DATE: 11/07/05

FROM: WIB Staff

For Action

For Information

For Discussion

SUBJECT: Implications for Action Update – Education & Workforce Housing

PROPOSED MOTION(S): Information Only

DISCUSSION: The Workforce Investment Board (WIB) presented three Implications for Action as a part of the 2004 State of the Workforce for Merced County. The Implications for Action were offered as “... opportunities and recommendations to be considered and supports the following actions that need to happen as any action plans are framed around the Regional Strategic Issues.”

Education: The Chair of the WIB, Ms. Nellie McGarry, has been selected Vice Chair of the P-16 Council. The Council is now meeting on a monthly basis.

Workforce Housing: The Workforce Housing Taskforce had its first meeting October 5, 2005. Topics included briefing members on the charge of the taskforce, the Housing Voucher and Public Housing programs, the Central California Fair & Affordable Housing Conference & Expo, and a future presentation concerning the economic future of Merced County. The Taskforce met again November 2, 2005. Mr. Don Hutchins, Gustine City Manager, was selected as the Taskforce Chair, with Ms. Deidra Kelsey selected as Vice Chair. The Taskforce discussed best practices in Workforce Housing and then heard a presentation from Mr. Rollie Smith, Field Director of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, concerning a regional approach to developing a strategy for workforce housing. The Taskforce will next meet December 7, 2005.

ATTACHMENT(S): N/A