

Workforce Investment Board
Dept of Workforce Investment, Large Conference Rm
1880 W. Wardrobe Ave, Merced, CA
November 10, 2005, 3:00-5:00 p.m.
Meeting Minutes



<http://web.co.merced.ca.us/wi/wib/wib.html>

Members Present:

Lee Anderson	Andrea Baker	Don Bergman
Sharon Cresswell	Ben Duran	Phil Flores
Ernie Flores	Peter Fluetsch	Scott Galbraith
Charlie Lambert	Albert Montejano	Anne Newins
Terry Nichols	Rick Osorio	Alfonse Peterson
Larry Pitts	Carole Roberds	Al Romero
Mike (Vann) Smith	Steve Tinetti	

Members Absent:

Ed Anderson	Nick Benjamin	Bob Bittner
Kathleen Cookham	Robert Fore	John Fowler
Carol Greenberg	Jeremiah Greggains	Robert Harmon
Nellie McGarry	Chris Rosander	Mike Sullivan
Thomas Tsubota		

Others Present:

Dave Davis	Angelina Gallardo	Eddie Harding
Dee Knight	Maggie Mann	Guadalupe Martinez
Alfredo Mendoza	Evelyn Montes	Nannette Potter
Joanne Presnell	SSgt Marlon Rice	Gaye Riggs
Tony Slaton	Jackie Walther-Parnell	

1. Call to Order/Roll Call – The 2nd Vice Chair, Mr. Albert Montejano, called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken.
2. Approval of Agenda – It was *M/S/C Tinetti/Bergman* to approve the agenda as published.
3. Approval of Minutes – It was *M/S/C Peterson/Anderson* to approve the September 15, 2005 minutes as written.
4. Public Opportunity to Speak – None.
5. Consent Agenda:
 - a. Addition of PY 04/05 Carryover Monies to Youth Contracts – It was *M/S/C Bergman/Duran* to approve the Consent Agenda.
6. Action Agenda:
 - a. Recertification of Merced Worknet ERC – It was *M/S/C Newins/Peterson* to approve the Merced Worknet recertification.
 - b. Construction Trades Career Job Fair – It was *M/S/C Osorio/Bergman* to approve the Youth Council co-sponsoring a Construction Trades Career Job Fair for Merced County high school seniors and juniors.

Mr. Charlie Lambert noted the CA Construction Trades Unions would help to provide funding for the Career Job Fair.

c. Financial Support of Marketing Seminar – It was *M/S/C Osorio/Anderson (abstain Newins)* to approve that \$5,000 be given to Merced College in support of a marketing seminar, focused on local businesses, that will be held at the Merced College Theater on February 25, 2006.

7. Presentations:

c. Head Start Rapid Response (Taken Out of Order) – Ms. Gaye Riggs noted that Worknet Merced did a wonderful job in helping those laid off from Head Start to prepare for their interview with Merced County Office of Education. She introduced Ms. Angelina Gallardo and Ms. Guadalupe Martinez who told their success story.

Ms. Gallardo and Ms. Guadalupe both said the staff at Worknet relieved their fears by having mock interviews, workshops on resume writing, funded physicals and other tests needed for the job, and their continuous encouragement gave them self-confidence.

a. Worknet Leadership Team – Mr. Terry Nichols noted the Worknet Leadership Team is a group of partners who operate the One-Stop centers. They collaborate to provide the necessary resources to make the One-Stops excellent facilities for jobseekers. He noted he also sits on the WIB in Madera County, and the Merced Worknet Leadership Team is unique because they work very effectively together, where other counties don't have this unique collaboration.

b. CA Army National Guard – SSgt Marlon Rice, local Guard Recruiter, introduced Evelyn Montes who is stationed at the One-Stop to provide support wherever needed. He noted it was his Colonel's vision for the Guard to become more involved in the community. They partner with the One-Stops not only to provide support but to give out information to those who are interested in joining the military. This has proven to be a very successful program, and they are glad to be partnering with Worknet.

d. Announcements – On Dec 1, 2005, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., at the Senior Center, the Merced County Economic Development Corporation will have its annual luncheon and meeting.

On Dec 18, 2005, Merced College is having its annual Dinner/Swing Dance to generate money for its Scholarship Endowment Fund.

Nov 11, 2005, Merced will have a Veterans Day Parade at 1:00 p.m. It will start at Martin Luther, King, Jr, to 'N' Street, to Courthouse Park. This is an opportunity to honor those veterans who served in the past, and those who are fighting for us now.

Central Valley Opportunity Center has raffle tickets available (\$1.00 each) for its annual Christmas Basket Drive. They give these baskets out to the three-county area.

The P-16 Council's last meeting was at UC Merced, and there was a great representation of all partners involved in the P-16 Council. One grant was received that will focus on development of adequate facilities for preschools in Merced County. Another grant application is being submitted to support the P-16 administrative function. Ms. Andrea Baker will be speaking on Labor Market Information at the next meeting, which will be a springboard to starting up the Business Alliance of P-16.

KUBB Country (93.3 FM) started an "Honor A Teacher" program that encourages nomination of a teacher you appreciate. Every month throughout the school year a teacher will be honored. Ms. Cresswell provided nomination forms to those interested. The form is also on the website.

8. Information Agenda:

a. Implications for Action Update – Ms. Baker noted the Workforce Housing Taskforce has met twice. Mr. Don Hutchins, City of Gustine, was nominated Chair, and Ms. Deidre Kelsey, County Supervisor, as Vice Chair. The Taskforce is gathering information on "best practices" and identifying "myths of affordable housing". The next meeting is Dec 7, 2005, 12:00 p.m.

- b. WIB Committees End-of-Year Summary
 - c. Healthcare Focus Group
 - d. KUBB Country/HOT 104.7 Job Fair – Ms. Sharon Cresswell thanked Worknet for continuing to be a sponsor of the Job Fair, which was on Oct 12, 2005. She noted over 650 attended, and gave an overview of the types of candidates. The next Job Fair will be March 29, 2006. They will continue to have a Job Fair as long as it is productive.
 - e. Translation Ordinance
 - f. Program Year 2004/05 Performance
 - g. Youth Programs Quarterly Reports
 - h. Participant Data Reports
 - i. LMI Updates
 - j. Committee Reports - www.co.merced.ca.us/wi/wib/wib.html (or faxed upon request)
9. Director's Comments – Ms. Baker noted at the following:
- At the State level Job Service and Workforce Investment has been combined.
 - The Department is working on the Rapid Response for Michael's Cooperage in Dos Palos. Another firm has purchased the company.
 - The Congressman's office is looking for staff, and she has job descriptions for anyone who is interested.
 - The House postponed the vote on the budget until Tuesday, so we still don't know what our federal allocation will be.
10. Chair Comments – The Chair noted the Worknet Certification is for three years. He thanked those on the Worknet Leadership Team and others who helped with the recertification. The Chair wished everyone a safe Thanksgiving and holiday season.
11. Other – None.
12. Next Meeting – January 12, 2006, Dept. of Workforce Investment, 1880 W, Wardrobe Ave, Merced.
13. Adjourn - Meeting was adjourned 4:20.