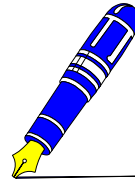


DIRECTORS NOTES

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Local News

- Merced is playing a part in shaping the dialogue on WIA reauthorization. On November 14, your Director will be attending a National Association of Counties special subcommittee on WIA re-authorization in San Francisco. Additionally Merced is participating on a special committee of the California Workforce Association to Draft California's position on WIA re-authorization. As draft documents become available they will be shared with the WIB.
- The Department's Business Services unit is up and running in October. The unit will be organizing employer focus groups to solicit input on needed services. The WIB private sector members will be a critical source of information and support of these services.
- The Department has developed, with the City of Merced a training partnership for law enforcement officers. This concept and the subsequent exception to the eligible training provider list is before the WIB at the November 21, 2002 meeting. If approved, the concepts can then be expanded to other communities.
- The Department is working to adjust our contract budget with the Human Services Agency to accommodate the reduction in CalWorks funding allocation from the State affecting all Counties. We will be noticing the WIB via the Executive committee of adjustment to the Department, if any that may affect the WIB.

State/Local News

- The Final Performance Standards for program year 2001 (year 2) were posted by the State without further negotiations on November 7, 2002. The State accepted some of the negotiated standards of the San Joaquin Valley group. Merced's performance can be found in the WIB information item, "WIA re-certification".
- The California Workforce Association (CWA) will be hosting a WIB/Directors team statewide meeting in January in Southern California. The Ford Foundation and the Department of Labor will fund the meeting. The topic will be "How the WIB can take a larger leadership roll in Community issues". As information on specifics of this event occurs they will be provided to the members.

- Merced is still participating in the State Board work group on One stop certification. The model worked on by the WIB standards and Certification committee was shared with the work group. State Board congratulated Merced on the job they did and will make the Merced process available as a model for other WIBs.
- The Department has collaborated with the Merced agencies that receive Carl D. Perkins funds to provide comment on the reauthorization of that Legislation. Those agencies are Merced Adult School, Merced College, and Merced Office of Education.

State and National News

- The Administration announced in October that there will new common performance measures for workforce development programs in seven federal agencies. The measures were developed by the Office of Management and Budget and have been agreed to by the Secretaries of Labor, Education, HHS, Veterans Affairs, Interior and HUD. The plan is to move the common measures into statute as re-authorization and other opportunities come up. The common measures are:

ADULT PROGRAMS	YOUTH & LIFELONG LEARNING PROGRAMS
<p>Entered Employment</p> <p>Retention (% employment in the 1st quarter after program exit that were still employed in the 2nd/3rd quarter)</p> <p>Earnings Increase (% increase)</p> <p>Efficiency (annual cost per participant)</p>	<p>Placement in employment or Education (1st quarter after exit)</p> <p>Attainment of degree/certificate</p> <p>Literacy and Numeracy Gains (using a standard assessment instrument)</p> <p>Efficiency (annual cost per participant)</p>

- U.I wage records will be the primary source for the measures. Examples of programs covered include: everything at DOL, Vocational Education, Vocational Rehabilitation, Tech-Prep, TANF, Youth Build, Migrant and Seasonal Farmworkers.
- The National Association of Workforce Boards annual conference will be held in Washington D.C., March 2-4, 2003.