



**Workforce Investment Board
Education and Employers Subcommittee
Private Industry Training Department
Small Conference Room
1880 West Wardrobe Ave, Merced, CA
December 14, 2000
7:30 a.m.
Meeting Minutes**

Members Present: Al Romero (Chair), Leslie Peeler, Don Bergman, Gisela Malone, James White, Elaine Craig, Don Gormly

Members Absent: Carole Roberds, Anne Newins

PITD Staff Present: Andrea Baker, Joanne Presnell, Bob Molmen, Eddie Harding

The meeting was called to order and roll was taken. No changes were made to the agenda and it was approved.

Al Romero (Chair) then gave his opening comments, stating the committee had a formidable job ahead of them. The committee will need to inform employers of what they are going to do and how they are going to do it. He also stated it is good to go out of state and find out what other Workforce Investment Boards are doing.

Everyone at the meeting then introduced themselves.

There was no one from the public there to speak.

The committee then continued on the discuss and define the role of the Education and Employers Committee. It was asked, what labor market research is and the reply was PITD does a yearly survey of 20 occupations in the county (experience, wages, education, etc.). It was also asked if other types of studies could be done. The committee wants to look closer at labor market information. It was stated the committee should look at what has already been done. The committee asked for the latest unemployment figures and was told it was 10.8%.

It was asked if Arbor Inc. had dropped out and they were told no one had heard anything yet.

It was then decided that this item of the agenda, "Discuss and Define the Role of the Education and Employers Committee", and the paragraph included in the agenda was self explanatory and the committee decided to ratify it and move on. (M/S/C Gormly/Bergman).

The committee then moved on to item number seven; Review Action/Work Plan. They began by looking at the Education and Employers Committee Goals sheet to see if any of the items should be assigned to a different committee. This resulted in a lengthy discussion of several items on the list of goals. The main topics of the discussion were item 1.1.1 Support/continue business retention/expansion program

countywide; 2.1.2 Validate skills w/local employers; and 2.1.3 Implement training programs for vocational skills. It was questioned whether or not the county schools had a school to career program. Also whether to ask employers what they need from the schools or what the schools need from the employers or ask both. The committee also questioned whether they would be duplicating something already done and they should check to see what is already being done first. They also discussed inviting district management people and school principals to the meetings. The discussion included finding out what programs have been implemented or are going to be implemented, then decide what their goals are and what they want to do. The committee wants a mentoring program and a certificate of employability.

The South Carolina Program was mentioned and they decided they needed to find out what it is. Andrea Baker said she would check it out.

They decided they want to invite Ralph Vigil or Chris Nakamura to a meeting to see what the high schools are doing.

Due to the lengthy discussion of these topics the meeting had to be adjourned before the agenda could be completed and the committee decided to add this item and the remaining items to the agenda for the next meeting.

The next meeting will be January 19, 2001, at 7:30 a.m. in the small conference room of the Private Industry Training Department at 1880 W. Wardrobe Ave, Merced.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Eddie Harding