

**Workforce Investment Board
Executive Committee
1880 Wardrobe Ave
April 5, 2010, 7:30-8:30 a.m.
Meeting Minutes**



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Members Present:

Edward Dietz	Debbie Glass	Steve Newvine	Alfonse Peterson
Al Romero	Vann (Mike) Smith	Hubert (Hub) Walsh	

Members Absent:

Albert Montejano (Chair)

Others Present:

Andrea Baker	Brian Cutler	Alfredo Mendoza	Ana Muniz-Laguna
Joanne Presnell	Eve Snelling		

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1. Call to Order/Roll Call: Mr. Alfonse Peterson, called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.
Roll call was taken.
 2. Approval of Agenda: It was *M/S/C Dietz/Newvine* to approve the agenda as published.
 3. Approval of Minutes: It was *M/S/C Newvine/Glass* to approve the March 1, 2010 minutes.
 4. Public Opportunity to Speak: None
 5. Action Agenda:
 - a. Merced Adult School Computer Literacy Labs: It was *M/S/C Newvine/Dietz*, (*Abstain: Glass*), to approve the Department of Workforce Investment (WI) to contract with Merced Adult School to provide Computer Literacy labs at the Castle Learning Center and Merced East Campus to serve Workforce Investment Act (WIA)/American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) eligible participants and contribute funding in the amount of \$38,187.22 for the Castle Learning Center and \$25,233.39 for the Merced East Campus for the period July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011.
 - b. Governor's Grant- Bridges to Success: It was *M/S/C Romero/Dietz*, (*Abstain: Walsh*), that if the Bridges to Success Grant is awarded, then a Board of Agenda Item is to be submitted to the Board of Supervisors to approve the acceptance of the grant.
 - c. Merced College Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) Training: It was *M/S/C Dietz/Romero* to approve the Department of Workforce Investment (WI) to contract with Merced College for a CNA Training Program and contribute funding in the amount of \$29,025.
 - d. Commerce, Aviation and Economic Development Business Assistance: It was *M/S/C Glass/Dietz*, (*Abstain: Walsh, Peterson*), to approve the Department of Workforce Investment to fund Commerce, Aviation, and Economic Development to provide business assistance services in the vicinities of Merced, Los Banos, Atwater, Delhi, and Planada/Le Grand for an 18 month period for an amount not to exceed \$46,890.

6. Reports:

- a. Youth Council: Ms. Debbie Glass noted the Youth Council had a training regarding the Request For Proposal process. There will be an upcoming training on funding and understanding the budget cycle. Ms. Glass noted that guest speaker Mr. Paul Clayton will be facilitating an all day Youth Workshop on Tuesday, April 13, 2010 at 1880 Wardrobe Ave, Merced, on how to understand and relate to the youth culture and offer services. Ms. Glass also noted a possible presentation in May regarding a youth project called "RoadTrip Nation" which will be geared towards the Youth Council and youth agencies.

7. Discussion Agenda:

a. Strategic Scorecard:

Pages 2-6 Advocacy/ Awareness: Mr. Brian Cutler noted three letters were sent out last month. Two for Senators Diane Feinstein and Barbara Boxer, thanking them for their testimony and vote in support for the Murray-Kennedy Amendment to the Senate Jobs Bill that would have allocated \$1.3 billion for a summer youth employment program, and for their continued advocacy for the Youth Jobs Act of 2010. The third letter was sent to Chairman Solorio and members of the State Assembly asking their support of AB 2058 which would streamline eligibility requirements for California Training Benefits.

Pages 7-13 Fiscal Expenditures Report: Ms. Andrea Baker noted that the contractor for the Youth Program is predicting they will spend their dollars in the current contract by the end of the fiscal year. Some money will be given back in the CalGrip program. The Committee suggested a report for CalGrip on which items worked and which didn't, as well as a model for similar programs in other counties that were successful.

Pages 14-26 Revenue Generation: (No comments were made).

8. Information:

- a. National Association of Workforce Boards (NAWB) Update: Staff noted representatives from NAWB along with WIB Staff and the Merced Ahead group will host a meeting on May 1st at the Merced Senior Center and May 15th (location to be determined) from 9am -1pm, to discuss how community members, service agencies and business leaders can create and sustain economic vitality in Merced. Ms. Baker noted Mr. Ron Painter, CEO of NAWB in Washington D.C., will be coming to observe how Merced NAWB and partners are working together.
- b. National Emergency Grant (NEG): Staff informed the Regional National Emergency Grant of \$8,197,664 was awarded to Tulare County in collaboration with nine Workforce Investment Areas including Merced County. The grant funds will be used to provide training to offset the downturn in the regional economy.
- c. Nomination Committee: The Chair noted that the Nomination Committee members are: Mr. Al Romero, Ms. Debra Glass, Mr. Peter Fluetsch, and Mr. Albert Montejano.
- d. Summer Youth Program: Staff noted that Department of Workforce Investment received a letter from the California Workforce Association informing that the House passed HR 4899, the Disaster Relief and Summer Jobs Act of 2010, which makes emergency supplemental appropriations for disaster relief and summer jobs for FY2010, including \$600 million for summer youth employment programs.

9. Director Comments: Ms. Andrea Baker noted there may be another grant opportunity from the Department of Labor. Ms. Baker noted that the specifics of the type of training to include in the grant are still in discussion. The proposal will be a collaborative effort with the WIBs and One-Stops from Merced, Madera, Stanislaus, and San Joaquin counties, along with Community Colleges in the region. The deadline is April 29, 2010.
10. Chair Comments: The Chair thanked everyone for attending the meeting.
11. Next Meeting: May 3, 2010, Dept of WI, Large Conference Room, 1880 Wardrobe Ave.
12. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 8:20 a.m.