

# Workforce Investment Board of Merced County Youth Council

Department of Workforce Investment  
Large Conference Room

1880 Wardrobe Ave., Merced, CA

Wednesday, January 27, 2010, 3:30-5:00 p.m.

## Meeting Minutes

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MERCED COUNTY YOUTH COUNCIL

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**Members Present:** Claudia Corchado (Vice Chair), Martha Dueñas, John Fowler, Debbie Glass (Chair), Mary Jane Hawkes, Richard Mahacek, Nancy Mendoza, Holly Newlon, Rick Osorio, Vann (Mike) Smith, Atenas Vallejo

**Members Absent:** Melissa Abby, Bob Bittner, Alexander Hall, Nellie McGarry

**Others Present:** Andrea Baker, Jessica Garibay, Eve Snelling, Jackie Walther-Parnell

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1. Call to Order/Roll Call: The Chair, Ms. Debbie Glass, called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. Roll call was taken.
2. Approve Agenda: It was *M/S/C Fowler/Newlon* to approve the agenda as published.
3. Approve Minutes: It was *M/S/C Fowler/Hawkes* to approve the December 16, 2009 minutes with the following changes-Item 5, Announcements: Correct the spelling of Anderson to Andersen. In the same item, let it read: Mr. Andersen will retire at the end of his term. Item 6, Presentations: Mr. Flip Hassett will speak to the warden.
4. Public Opportunity to Speak: None
5. Announcements: Ms. Atenas Vallejo noted she gained a lot of information from the California Workforce Association Youth Conference, and she really enjoyed attending the conference.

Mr. John Fowler noted there will be a Business and Education Alliance of Merced (B.E.A.M) meeting tomorrow, January 28, 2010.

Ms. Mary Jane Hawkes noted the Challenger Learning Center had an Open House Saturday night to celebrate having received a "Science on a Sphere" exhibit from NASA. There were about 400 attendees. There will be another open house scheduled in April. Ms. Hawkes offered meeting at the Challenger Learning Center.

Ms. Debbie Glass noted the Merced Adult School has added a GED program at night.

Mr. Richard Mahacek noted the UC Cooperative Extension has two training programs coming up: 1) Tonight, January 27, 2010, from 6:00-8:00 p.m., there will be a T3-Teen and Teacher Training at the County Ag Center, 2145 Wardrobe Ave. Topics include how to give public speaking, demonstrations and how to interview. Members are invited to attend. 2) On February 6, 2010, there will be an all day Saturday training which is part of a statewide science and engineering program provided by 4-H on how to work with teens as teachers. There will be two curricula: the first for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders on

collecting (hobby), and the second on water quality/quantity and conservation issues. If anyone is interested, let Mr. Mahacek know.

Ms. Holly Newlon noted the Academic Decathlon is on February 6, 2010 at Merced College. Ms. Newlon will be judging speech this year. She invited members to attend. Awards will be given at 7 p.m. Ms. Newlon also noted she would email information regarding free adult ROP night classes to be distributed to the Youth Council.

Ms. Claudia Corchado noted the California Endowment has narrowed down the top 3 goals for the next three years from the ten outcomes. Those 3 goals are: Youth Development, Economic Development, and Crime and Violence Reduction within youth. The California Endowment is interested in presenting to the Youth Council in regards to the Building Healthy Communities Initiative and Ms. Corchado asked the Council for permission to officially invite the California Endowment to present to the Council.

6. Presentations:

- a. Elevate America: Ms. Allison noted Microsoft will be providing 2,250 vouchers to Merced County. The vouchers will be available for use as soon as the Governor gives the word. Ms. Robin Redwine will be the contact person for this program. The vouchers have to be distributed to the community within 90 days after they are announced and they must be activated within those 90 days. Any individual who is interested is eligible. Individuals do not have to meet WIA eligibility requirements. Current certiports, or designated testing sites, are Merced Adult School and Merced County Office of Education (MCOE). Worknet is working on becoming a certiport also. Vouchers for operating systems are for Vista only. They are not available for XP. For additional information, visit [www.elevateamerica.com](http://www.elevateamerica.com).

7. Discussion/Possible Action:

- a. Ad-Hoc Committee Recommendations for use of Youth funds: Ms. Atenas Vallejo reported on the Ad-Hoc committee recommendations. They recommended the following 3 items:
  - Item 1: Allocate \$10,000 to the MCOE Empower Program for laptops.
  - Item 2: Allocate \$20,000 for Youth Council Enrichment.
  - Item 3: Allocate \$15,000 for a County Job Shadow DayFor Item 3, it was suggested the title be changed from County Job Shadow Day to Youth Activity Day. For Item 1, Members were informed of the fact that buying computers and giving them to students is not an allowable expense. Ms. Newlon suggested buying the computers and loaning them to students along with an air card for internet access. It was suggested the \$10,000 be allocated to MCOE for Supportive Services. For Item 2, Mr. Rick Osorio made a motion to allocate \$20,000 for Youth Council enrichment and Mr. John Fowler second it for purposes of discussion. Mr. Osorio then motioned to amend the previous motion to reduce the amount from \$20,000 to \$15,000 for Youth Council enrichment; however, there was no second to the amended motion. Therefore, the Chair, Ms. Glass, asked members to vote on the \$20,000 motion, but the motion did not pass. It was *M/S/C Fowler/Mahacek (abstained Newlon/opposed Osorio)* to allocate \$8,000 for Youth Council enrichment. The Ad-Hoc committee is to meet and decide whether or not \$10,000 will be allocated to MCOE for Supportive Services and \$15,000 for a "Youth Activity Day", and how the leftover \$11,400 will be spent.

8. Reports: California Workforce Association Youth Conference: Due to time constraints, this item will continue on the February meeting agenda.

9. Discussion Agenda:

- a. Review and Discussion of Youth Council Goals (continued): Due to time constraints, this item will continue on the February meeting agenda.

10. Chair Comments/Future Agenda Items: The Youth Council Ad-Hoc committee is to report their recommendations for use of Youth funds.

Future presentation: California Endowment-Building Healthy Communities Initiative

11. Date, Time and Location of Next Meeting – February 17, 2010, 3:30 p.m., MCOE, Room J-2, 632 W. 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Merced

12. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m.