

Workforce Investment Board of Merced County Youth Council

MCOE, Room J-2

632 M Street, Merced, CA

Wednesday, February 17, 2010, 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes



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

Members Present: Claudia Corchado (Vice Chair), John Fowler, Debbie Glass (Chair), Mary Jane Hawkes, Nellie McGarry, Nancy Mendoza, Rick Osorio, Vann (Mike) Smith, Atenas Vallejo

Members Absent: Melissa Abby, Bob Bittner, Alexander Hall, Richard Mahacek, Holly Newlon

Others Present: Jessica Garibay, Wesley Golangco, Carol Greenberg, Jessie Guerrero, Christine Kulina, Rebecca Lincoln, Emily Lindsey, Mary Mendoza, Julie Rivard, Eve Snelling, Jesse Villa, Jackie Walther-Parnell

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call:** The Chair, Ms. Debbie Glass, called the meeting to order at 3:33 p.m. Roll call was taken.
2. **Approve Agenda:** It was *M/S/C McGarry/Fowler* to approve the agenda as published.
3. **Approve Minutes:** It was *M/S/C Osorio/Corchado* to approve the January 27, 2010 minutes as published.
4. **Public Opportunity to Speak:** None
5. **Announcements:** Ms. Mary Mendoza introduced Mr. Jesse Villa, the new Manager for Merced Employment Development Department (EDD). Ms. Mendoza noted Merced EDD office is working on expanding Youth Services.

Mr. Rick Osorio invited members to attend the Boys & Girls Club fundraiser at Club Mercedes on Saturday, February 20th, 2010 at 5:30 p.m., it is eat-in or take-out, your choice. Tickets are \$10.00 each and proceeds will benefit the Boys and Girls Club.

Ms. Christine Kulina introduced herself. She is from the Fresno Satellite office for Job Corps.

6. **Presentations:**
 - a. **Objectives of Building Healthy Communities:** Ms. Claudia Corchado introduced Ms. Emily Lindsey, Building Healthy Communities (BHC) Project Manager. Ms. Lindsey provided a PowerPoint Presentation with information on BHC. The neighborhoods targeted are South Merced, Beachwood/Franklin, Le Grand, and Planada. Their goals for the following years are that children and their families are safe from violence in their homes and neighborhoods, communities support healthy youth development, and that community health improvements are linked to economic development. BHC is asking for help with:
 - Getting youth involved with outreach
 - Spreading the word to the community
 - Bringing community members together
 - Getting community involvement

A "Community Conversation" meeting will be held tonight, February 17, 2010 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Valley High School for the South Merced area. On February 25, 2010, there will be a Large Group meeting from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Franklin school for all four neighborhoods. Transportation and childcare will be provided.

- b. Business-Education Alliance of Merced County (BEAM): Mr. John Fowler noted BEAM started three years ago. It is an effort by educators, government, and private sector to come together and deal with issues in regards to childhood education. Mr. Fowler introduced Ms. Carol Greenberg, who is the executive who oversees BEAM. Mr. Fowler noted a parallel being drawn between kids' education and crime. He provided a statistic; which, if a child has not gotten focused on education and is able to read and understand by 3rd grade, the State prison system uses this as a statistic for how many beds they are going to need 10 years from now. Mr. Fowler noted March 23rd will be the 7th Annual Merced County Children's Summit at St. Patrick's Parish Hall. Also, the Week of the Young Child Program is April 18th-24th at Applegate Park. Mr. Fowler introduced Adopt-A-Preschool Program which consists of BEAM members adopting a preschool and speaking to 3-4 year olds. Ms. Greenberg gave some insight on how BEAM was developed and what its goals are. Ms. Greenberg would like to give a 10 minute presentation on BEAM to the Youth Council, which shows statistics for Merced County.
 - c. MUHSD Graphic Arts Vocational Program: Ms. Julie Rivard introduced the Computer Graphics Certificate Program, a collaboration between the Merced High School (MHS) Art Department, MHS Business Department, and local businesses. The goal is to educate and train students for an entry level job in computer graphics while in high school. Students will take a progression of classes throughout their four years of high school, which leads to an internship at a local business during their senior year. Ms. Rivard is asking for community support, input for businesses on the program, and businesses who are interested in providing internships for high school seniors. Either Ms. Rivard or Mr. Keith Petiti can be contacted for any questions or comments at (209) 385-6465.
 - d. Monitoring Overview: Mr. Jessie Guerrero provided a monitoring report on five youth programs the Department is involved with. Three programs, Summer Youth Program, Winter Youth Program, and CalGRIP Program, were monitored, and two, Empower/YOP and Green Jobs Corps, will be monitored in coming months.
7. Discussion/Possible Action:
- a. Ad-Hoc Committee Recommendations: It was *M/S/C Osorio/Smith* to approve Ad-Hoc committee recommendations for Youth funds as follows:
 - \$20,000 to MCOE for students to attend the Green Jobs Corps outdoor school during Spring break
 - \$5,000 to prepare for Summer Youth Program if applicable
 - \$19,400 for Youth Council Training and Development
8. For Information:
- a. Youth Council Resignation: Mr. Edgar Pérez has resigned from the Youth Council, effective January 25, 2010. Mr. Pérez thanked the Youth Council for the opportunity to serve as a member.

9. Reports:

- a. Youth Contracts Expenditure Reports
- b. MCOE Youth Program Reports
- c. California Workforce Association Youth Conference

Due to time constraints, items a-c will continue on the March meeting agenda.

10. Discussion Agenda:

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

11. Chair Comments/Future Agenda Items:

12. Date, Time and Location of Next Meeting - March 17, 2010, 3:30 p.m., MCOE, Clark Room,
632 W. 13th Street, Merced

13. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.