

Workforce Investment Board of Merced County Youth Council

MC Office of Education, Room J-2
632 W. 13th Street, Merced, CA

Wednesday, March 11, 2009 – 4-5:30 p.m.

Workgroup Meeting Notes



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

Members Present: Bob Bittner, Stephanie Busbea, Martha Dueñas, Patricia Evans, Alexander Hall, Mary Jane Hawkes, Holly Newlon, Rick Osorio, Nancy A. Silva, Vann (Mike) Smith

Members Absent: Claudia Corchado (Vice Chair), Rennise Ferrario (Chair), Kathy Hasset, Henry Ildefonso, Taide Hernandez, Richard Mahacek, Stefani Martinez, Edgar Perez, Samuel Rangel

Others Present: Andrea T. Baker, Patricia Hinson, Alfredo Mendoza, Mae Pierini, Joanne Presnell, Roger Schmitt, Atenas Vallejo

1. Call to Order/Roll Call: Mr. Alexander Hall was asked to chair the meeting, due to the Chair and Vice Chair not being present. Mr. Hall noted the regular meeting would be canceled due to lack of a quorum. He convened a workgroup to discuss the agenda items. A sign-in sheet was used in lieu of roll call.

2. Public Opportunity to Speak: Ms. Andrea Baker noted she was present as a resource and to give up-to-date information regarding the stimulus package.

3. Announcements: Mr. Rick Osorio invited all members to support the Boys and Girls Club Annual Fundraiser Dinner, March 20th at the Boys & Girls Club.

Mr. Alexander Hall noted there's a Stimulus Watch page website www.stimuluswatch.org. The website lists the "Shovel Ready" projects from all the states and cities that applied for funds through the stimulus package. Mr. Hall handed out a copy of the Merced projects, and asked members to support the city projects.

4. Action Agenda: Youth Council Membership- Atenas Vallejo: This item will be tabled until the next meeting.

b. **Proposed Economic Stimulus Funding Level for PY 08/09-10/11:** Ms. Andrea Baker shared information regarding the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act of 2009 (ARRA). The Department of Workforce Investment is eligible to receive funding as of February 17, 2009. The purpose of the Summer Youth portion of the stimulus package is to put money into the economy. The recommendation is to spend most funding quickly and effectively on youth wages and services.

The consensus of the Youth Council workgroup was to recommend to the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) that youth funding from the ARRA of 2009 be divided as follows: At least 75%, and up to 100%, be spent in PY 08/09 with remaining funds, if any spent in PY 09/10. This recommendation will be forwarded

to the WIB for approval.

c. **Proposed Economic Stimulus Funding by Age Groups:** The consensus of the Youth Council workgroup was to recommend to the WIB that staff negotiate youth funding from the ARRA to augment current WIA Youth Contract Programs (PY 08/09), to include increasing the number of summer youth employment for year-round youth throughout PY 08/09, and funding be divided between 14-17, 18-21, and 22-24 year-old youth for stand-alone summer youth components. This recommendation will be forwarded to the WIB for final approval.

5. Presentation – Teal Program: Ms. Mae Pierini gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding Foster Youth Services-TEAL Program.

Partnerships

- Merced County Office of Education
- Youth Opportunity Program
- Human Services Agency
- Department of Recreation
- Foster Youth Advisory Committee
- Boys & Girls Club

Foster Youth Services- TEAL Program: Transition, Employment, and Life Skills:

- Foster Youth Advisory Committee
- 10-12 Valley Community School students
- Real Game, Portfolio Development
- 192 hours paid site placement
- \$1,500.00 per student
- Youth Opportunity Program Partnership

6. Discussion Agenda – Youth Resource Directory Ad-Hoc Committee Update: Staff noted the database for the Youth Resource Directory was sent via email to committee members. Some members were not able to open the link. If any member is experiencing a problem, please let staff know. Members were asked to forward their updated contacts to Mr. Mendoza within two weeks.

7. Information Agenda:

- a. **Empower Quarterly Report:** Copies of the report were provided with the youth package.
- b. **YOP Quarterly Report:** Copies of the report were provided with the youth package.

8. Chair Comments/Roundtable/Future Agenda Item: Staff noted the Dept of Workforce Investment received written notification from Ms. Becky Lincoln of her resignation from the Youth Council. In addition, staff received an application from Ms. Nelly McGarry for membership on the Youth Council. These items will be added to the next meeting agenda.

9. Date, Time and Location of Next Youth Council Meeting: April 8, 2009, 4:00 p.m., Merced County Office of Education, Room J-2, 632 W 13th Street, Merced.

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