

# Workforce Investment Board of Merced County Youth Council

Merced County Office of Education (MCOE)

632 M Street, Merced, CA - J2Room

Wednesday, April 21, 2010, 3:30-5:00 p.m.

## Meeting Notes



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**Members Present:** Claudia Corchado (Vice Chair), John Fowler, Mary Jane Hawkes, Nellie McGarry, Holly Newlon, Vann (Mike) Smith

**Members Absent:** Melissa Abby, Debbie Glass (Chair), Alexander Hall, Richard Mahacek, Rick Osorio, Atenas Vallejo

**Others Present:** Andrea Baker, Bob Bittner, Cyndie Bray, Brian Cutler, Lyalla Dias, Jessica Garibay, Carol Greenberg, Becky Lincoln, Toula Moua, Cynthia Mount, Jennifer Murillo, Marissa Samaniego, Eve Snelling, Jackie Walther-Parnell

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1. Call to Order/Roll Call: The Vice Chair, Ms. Claudia Corchado, presided in the absence of the Chair. Ms. Corchado noted the regular meeting would be canceled due to lack of quorum and convened a workgroup at 3:35 p.m. A sign-in sheet was used in lieu of roll call.
2. Public Opportunity to Speak: Two YOP students, Ms. Marissa Samaniego and Ms. Jennifer Murillo, who attended the Jack L. Boyd Outdoor School during Spring break, shared with members how much they enjoyed their experience at the outdoor school. The students learned leadership, mentoring and teambuilding skills, preservation of nature and local habitat, and became more confident. Ms. Toulou Moua shared a PowerPoint presentation of pictures taken of students while at the outdoor school. This activity was sponsored by the Youth Council.
3. Announcements (Roundtable): Ms. Carol Greenberg noted Thursday, April 29, 2010, is the San Joaquin Valley Business Leaders' Conference on Early Care and Education in Fresno. This conference is free with bus transportation provided. The bus departs Merced at 9:30 a.m. and is scheduled to return between 3:00 and 3:30 p.m. Anyone interested in attending may contact Ms. Greenberg at (209) 201-2590.

Ms. Mary Jane Hawkes noted that Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup> from 1:00-4:00 p.m., the Challenger Learning Center is throwing an open house called "Nano Days". There will be two speakers on the theme of nanotechnology, Dr. Christopher Viney and Dr. Valerie Leppert. All exhibits will be open. There will also be a new series of exhibits from the Fresno Art Museum. The event is free and anyone interested may attend the Challenger Learning Center located at 3460 Challenger Way, Atwater.

Mr. John Fowler noted that Saturday, April 24, is the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Relay for Life at Merced College. It starts Saturday morning at 8:30 a.m. and ends Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m.

Ms. Holly Newlon noted that ROP Awards of Excellence is tomorrow, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Merced Fairgrounds. Ms. Nellie McGarry and Ms. Corchado agreed to attend and represent the Youth Council.

4. Presentations:
  - a. WIA Youth Funding: Ms. Jackie Walther-Parnell provided information on Youth funding to clarify reports that were provided at last month's Youth Council meeting. She provided members with copies of fiscal reports and explained how figures are computed.
5. Information:
  - a. Youth Council Resignation: A memo from Ms. Nancy Mendoza announced she was resigning from the Youth Council effective March 29, 2010. In the memo, Ms. Mendoza thanked the Council for providing her the opportunity to serve the community as a member of the Council.
6. Reports:
  - a. Youth Council Fiscal Reports: Copies of reports were provided in the meeting packet.
  - b. Performance Measures Youth Programs: As requested by the Youth Council, 2008-2009 Common Measures Performance Charts were provided to members to show comparison of local common measure performance outcomes in relation to other Local Workforce Investment Areas in the State.
  - c. California Workforce Association (CWA) Youth Conference: Mr. Fowler and Ms. Nellie McGarry shared their experience from the CWA Youth Conference. Both Mr. Fowler and Ms. McGarry agreed the workshop entitled "Roadtrip Nation" was one of the most interesting presentations at the Youth Conference.
7. Chair Comments/Future Agenda Items: The Vice Chair noted items 7.f., New YOP Contract for 2010/2011, and 7.g., New Empower Contract for 2010/2011, of the agenda will be forwarded to the Executive Committee for approval.

The work group recommended an email be sent out to Youth Council members and Workforce Investment Board (WIB) members for notification of the change in date of the next Youth Council meeting from May 19<sup>th</sup> to May 12<sup>th</sup> and the location moved to Merced Adult School (MAS). The Roadtrip Nation presentation will be held on May 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. at MAS. Members discussed other agencies that the Roadtrip Nation flyer should be distributed to, those mentioned included: United Way, Building Healthy Communities, local Chambers of Commerce, Business Education Alliance of Merced (BEAM), and Merced Ahead.

Ms. Corchado noted she really enjoyed the Paul Clayton workshop on April 13<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Greenberg noted on March 23<sup>rd</sup> the Children's Bill of Rights was unveiled at the Children's Summit. Mr. Brian Mimura, Executive Director of First 5, presented the Bill of Rights to the First 5 commission and provided a video describing each of the rights. Mr. Mimura is available to present this video to the Youth Council on May 12<sup>th</sup>.

8. Date, Time and Location of Next Meeting – May 12, 2010, 3:30 p.m., Merced Adult School, 50 E. 20<sup>th</sup> Street, Merced.
9. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 4:54 p.m.