

Workforce Investment Board of Merced County Youth Council

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

Wednesday, May 20, 2009 – 4-5:30 p.m.

Meeting Notes



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

Members Present: Bob Bittner, Claudia Corchado (Vice Chair), Martha Dueñas, Debbie Glass (Chair), Alexander Hall, Kathy Hassatt, Mary Jane Hawkes, Holly Newlon, Edgar Perez, Nancy A. Silva

Members Absent: Stephanie Busbea, Patricia Evans, Taide Hernandez, Henry Ildefonso, Richard Mahacek, Stefani Martinez, Rick Osorio, Samuel Rangel, Vann (Mike) Smith

Others Present: Mellisa Abby, John Fowler, Dennis Haines, Patricia Hinson, Nellie McGarry, Alfredo Mendoza, Nancy Mendoza, Atenas Vallejo

1. Call to Order/Roll Call: The Chair, Ms. Debbie Glass, called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. Roll call was taken.
2. Approve Agenda: It was *M/S/C Hall/Hassett* to approve the agenda with the following addition. Information Agenda: Item c. Update Summer Youth Program.
3. Approve Minutes: It was *M/S/C Smith/Silva* to approve the February 11, 2009 minutes.
4. Public Opportunity to Speak—None.
5. Announcements: Mr. Alexander Hall noted the City of Merced Parks and Community Services will offer Summer Camp at numerous school sites throughout the city. The Summer Camp program will begin June 15th, ages K-12. Online registration is available. The program offers breakfast, lunch, trips, tours and snacks to youth for a total of 8 weeks at a cost of \$50.00 per week for full camp or \$30.00 per month for daily drop-ins.
6. Action Agenda:
 - a. Youth Council Membership – Atenas Vallejo: It was *M/S/C Hall/Hawkes* to recommend the nomination, and forward to the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) for ratification.
 - b. Youth Council Membership – Nellie McGarry: It was *M/S/C Hassett/Hall* to recommend the nomination, and forward to the WIB for ratification.
 - c. Youth Council Membership – John Fowler: It was *M/S/C Smith/Newlon* to recommend the nomination, and forward to the WIB for ratification.
 - d. Youth Council Membership – Robert Bender: It was *M/S/C Hall/Bittner* to recommend the nomination, and forward to the WIB for ratification.
 - e. Youth Council Membership – Mellisa Abby: It was *M/S/C Hall/Hawkes* to recommend the nomination, and forward to the WIB for ratification.
 - f. Youth Council Ad-Hoc Committee for Youth Projects: It was *M/S/C Hassett/Hall* to approve Ms. Nancy Silva, Ms. Claudia Corchado and Mr. Richard Mahacek to be the Ad-hoc Committee for Youth Projects. Members were asked to give a monthly summary report to the Youth Council.

7. Presentation: ReDirect Program – Family Resource Council: Mr. Dennis Haines gave a presentation about the ReDirect Program. The program is designed to help youth and families make better choices.

Mission statement: Provide information to children and parents regarding community resources that are available to families to prevent deeper involvement in the probation/court system. Target population is youth 12 to 18 years of age and parents/or caring adults engaged in the life of the youth.

The purpose of the program is to empower parents to become more effective in their parenting by clarifying their rights and responsibilities and their children's rights and responsibilities.

Goals:

- Keep kids out of the criminal justice system
- Empower parents to be more effective as parents
- To inform parents and children as to their rights and responsibilities as citizens and families in the courts and justice system
- To inform parents as to services available to families in this community

Meeting schedule:

Wednesday- 6:00-8:00 p.m.

4 sessions

Location: Family Resource Council

1573 West Main Street

Merced

For more information, please call 381-5980.

8. Discussion Agenda:

a. Member Attendance: The Vice Chair, Ms. Claudia Corchado, noted Youth Council attendance has been at its lowest. Staff is contacting members who have low attendance status. Staff is asking members if no longer interested in being part of the Youth Council, to please consider resigning from the Youth Council. The Chair, Ms. Debbie Glass asked members what agency they represent, and how they are connected to youth? Each member responded individually.

b. Youth Council Resignation - Wendy Lomeli: Ms. Wendy Lomeli resigned from the Youth Council effective April 16, 2009.

9. Reports :

a. Youth Resource Director Ad-Hoc Committee Update: Staff thanked the Youth Resource Directory team for their hard work updating the Youth Resource Directory. The next phase is to see how much printing the directory will cost.

10. Information Agenda:

a. EMPOWER 3rd Quarter Report: A handout was provided with the meeting package. Ms. Holly Newlon asked members to read the success story on Mr. Dean Harmon. MCOE is very proud of this student.

b. Youth Opportunity Program 3rd Quarter Report: A handout was provided with the meeting package.

c. Ms. Joanne Presnell gave a brief summary report on the status of the Summer Youth Program.

- 7 summer youth counselors have been hired.
- Summer Youth Counselor is at the Worknet office M-F, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- 160 worksites.
- 221 positions.
- Continue to accept worksite applications.
- Continue to recruit youth through radio ads.
- 450 active applications. Continue receiving applications.
- Approximately 25 youth start work next week.

11. Chair Comments/Roundtable/Future Agenda Item: The Chair noted the date and time for Youth Council meetings has changed to every 3rd Wednesday of each month at 3:30 p.m.

Future presentations for next meeting agenda: Sgt Robert Bender, California Army National Guard, and/or Ms. Melissa Abby, Job Corps Female Admissions Office.

12. Date, Time and Location of Next Youth Council Meeting: June 17, 2009, 3:30 p.m., Merced County Office of Education, Newbold Room, 632 W 13th Street, Merced.

13. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.