

Workforce Investment Board of Merced County Youth Council

MC Office of Education, Newbold Room
632 W. 13th Street, Merced, CA

Wednesday, July 15, 2009 – 3:30-4:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes



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

Members Present: Bob Bittner, Martha Dueñas, Debbie Glass (Chair), Taide Hernandez, Holly Newlon, Rick Osorio, Edgar Perez, Nancy A. Silva, Vann (Mike) Smith

Members Absent: Stephanie Busbea, Claudia Corchado (Vice Chair), Patricia Evans, Alexander Hall Mary Jane Hawkes, Henry Ildefonso, Richard Mahacek

Others Present: John Fowler, Patricia Hinson, Nellie McGarry, Alfredo Mendoza

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 Newlon/Silva* to approve the agenda as published.
3. Approve Minutes: It was *M/S/C Bittner/Duenas* to approve the May 20, 2009 minutes with the following correction: Mr. Vann (Mike) Smith attended the May 20th meeting.
4. Public Opportunity to Speak—None.
5. Announcements: Mr. Bob Bittner shared a news article from Los Banos Enterprise the Youth Leadership Conference held at the Los Banos High School. The conference was hosted by the League of United Latin American Citizens and the Los Banos Unified School District. It was held for students primarily 7th through 12th grade. The event was a success. Mr. Bittner would like the Youth Council involved in future youth activities of this nature.

Ms. Nellie McGarry noted approximately 230 youths are attending the Boys and Girls club this summer. Due to the increase in numbers, a waiting list has been established until more space is available. In partnership with UC Merced, the Boys and Girls Club is offering a Math Academy Class in the morning.

Staff noted the Dept of Workforce Investment was awarded \$937,890 to implement a Regional California Green Jobs Corps in the San Joaquin Valley. The grant will be utilized to sponsor 131 youth who will be training at Camp Green Meadows and Yosemite National Park. Youth will be trained in green eco-friendly technologies. After training, youth will be placed on work experience in their communities.

Mr. Rick Osorio noted he attended the Central Valley Opportunity Center summer school program. He was very impressed with students from the migrant education program. Students enrolled in this program are working towards their high school diploma.

6. Action Agenda:
 - a. Youth Council Membership – Nancy Vega-Mendoza: It was *M/S/C Osorio/Silva* (Abstain: Bittner and Duenas) to recommend the nomination, and forward to the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) for ratification.

7. Presentation: a. Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program – Ms. Taide Hernandez provided everyone a brochure on the Teen Outreach Programs.

Vision Statement: By working together, we can turn our shared vision into a reality in preventing teen pregnancy in our communities....

Teen Pregnancy Statistics

- Between 1995 and 2010, the number of girls age 15-19 is projected to increase by 2.2 million.
- In 2002, 50, 220 teens age 15 to 19 gave birth in California, and many more became pregnant.
- Despite the recent declining teen pregnancy rates, 34% of teenage girls get pregnant at least once before they reach age 20, resulting in more than 820,000 teen pregnancies a year in the United States.

How do the Rural Teen Pregnancy Prevention Programs play a role?

Through youth development activities

- Develop healthy family environments.
- Empower youth to cooperate in their community.
- Provide positive peer influence and adult role models.
- Create activities that engage youth in constructive use of their time.
- Identify and carry out character building activities that promote positive self-esteem, self-control and positive view of personal future.
- Promote opportunities for broadening the viewpoint of youth regarding career development and community involvement.

For more information, please call Celeste Ramos, Program Coordinator, at (209) 725-8240.

b. My First Paycheck Video – Staff shared a video regarding Summer Youth participants sharing their experience working for the Dept of WI's Summer Youth Program, and what their first paycheck meant to them.

8. Reports :

- a. Youth Resource Director Ad-Hoc Committee Update: Staff noted the Youth Resource Directory has been printed and is ready for distribution.
- b. Dept of WI Summer Youth Update—Will be discussed at the next meeting.
- c. MCOE Summer Youth Update—Ms. Holly Newlon noted Merced County Office of Education is serving 140 students this summer- 70 out-of-school youth, 70 in-school-youth, besides the year-round program of 193 participants enrolled and working this summer. There is an educational component consisting of meeting weekly with their teacher to work on their portfolio and develop a Career Action Plan. The year-round participants meet with their teacher also on a weekly basis and focus on community service. In addition, MCOE is also serving Foster Youth.

9. Information Agenda:

- a. Youth Council Member Resignation - Samuel Rangel: Mr. Samuel Rangel resigned from the Youth Council effective May 19, 2009.

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b. Youth Council Member Resignation - Ms. Stephani Martinez: Ms. Stephani Martinez resigned from the Youth Council effective May 19, 2009.

10. Chair Comments/Roundtable/Future Agenda Item: The Chair noted she is happy to participate in the Youth Council. She is very excited to see how many youth are working through the Summer Youth Program.

Future presentations for next meeting agenda: Mr. Richard Mahacek, 4-H Youth Advisor. The Chair would like members to share their ideas regarding past Youth Council activities.

Mr. Rick Osorio noted he would like to see future Youth Council meetings scheduled at different sites.

Ms. Holly Newlon provided an open invitation for members to attend a Program Activity delivered by MCOE to WIA participants.

11. Date, Time and Location of Next Youth Council Meeting: August 19, 2009, Location, TBA

12. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.