

# Workforce Investment Board of Merced County Youth Council

Department of Workforce Investment (DWI)

1880 Wardrobe Ave, Merced, CA

(Large Conference Room)

Wednesday, October 20, 2010, 3:30-5:00 p.m.

## Meeting Minutes



MERCED COUNTY YOUTH COUNCIL

<http://www.mercedwib.com/youthcouncil/youth.html>

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**Members Present:** Bob Bittner, Claudia Corchado (Vice Chair), Baljit Gill, Debbie Glass (Chair), Mary Jane Hawkes, Richard Mahacek, Holly Newlon, Atenas Vallejo

**Members Absent:** Melissa Abby, John Fowler, Carol Greenberg, Christine Kulina, Paula Mason, Nellie McGarry, Lori Minor

**Others Present:** Justin Cervantes, Mayra Garcia, Jessica Garibay, Nancy Havens, John Keane, Rebecca Lincoln, Richard Liszewski, Alfredo Mendoza, Mary Ann Navarra, Jackie Walther-Parnell

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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 Newlon/Bittner* to approve the agenda as published.
3. Approve Minutes: It was *M/S/C Corchado/Bittner* to approve the May 12, 2010 minutes as published.
4. Public Opportunity to Speak: None
5. Presentation:
  - a. Youth Program Participants' Experiences: One Youth Opportunity Program (YOP) participant and two EMPOWER program participants presented to the Youth Council their experiences in the youth programs. Council members asked the youth how the programs affected their lives; all three youth provided positive feedback.  
Members would like to market the youth programs so that more youth are aware of the programs. It was recommended that businesses supporting the youth programs be recognized. Youth Council members introduced themselves so that the youth were aware of who they were and the organizations they represented.
6. Announcements (Roundtable):

The 4-H Cooperative Extension is offering a Master Garden program which includes technical expertise for those who are interested in creating a school or community garden. There is also a nutrition program which includes classes for adults which are usually held through organizations such as Golden Valley Health Centers (GVHC) or Central Valley Opportunity Center (CVOC). The nutrition program also includes a youth program that works primarily with school teachers to provide curriculum and training on nutrition in the classroom or in after school programs. The youth nutrition program is part of the 4-H Youth Program which provides after school programming of 4-H activities in science. The county 4-H fundraiser will be at the Los Baños Fairgrounds on Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, the cost is \$12.50 per plate. An auction will be held, which begins at 5:00 p.m. Dinner begins at 7:00 p.m. 4-H is also participating in a Water Drop event. School and youth groups create a picture on a

water drop template (available online). A logo or the group name is placed on the water drop before it is laminated. The water drop will be sent to a research team in Antarctica and the school/youth group follows a blog online and waits until the water drop appears in one of the pictures on the blog. The website is: <http://iceaged2010.mlml.calstate.edu/water-drop/>

The Central California Regional Obesity Prevention Program (CCROPP) is still transitioning to locate at the United Way facility. CCROPP is no longer housed at the Livingston Medical Group. A food fair is planned with the goal of having local farmers and members of the community understand the benefits of eating healthier and increase the availability of produce in the corner markets of lower income communities. The Building Healthy Communities (BHC) Initiative identified the United Way as the hub and is receiving the first two years of funding for hiring. Organizations, groups, and/or community members looking for funding from the BHC must attend a workgroup meeting during the next two weeks.

The Independent Living Program was reinstated in Los Baños by the Human Services Agency.

This Thursday night is "Lights On" in downtown Merced. Next Thursday, October 28th, at the fairgrounds is the Regional Occupational Program (ROP) Career Industry Day. The Career Industry Day targets 10<sup>th</sup> graders from all of the high schools within Merced County to learn about all the career pathways available. On December 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Jack L. Boyd Outdoor School fundraising breakfast will be held at the Merced County Office of Education. The cost is \$10. December 9<sup>th</sup> is Lee Andersen's, Superintendent of Schools, public retirement dinner. Tickets are \$35.00 each.

The Challenger Learning Center (CLC) is on the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of its NASA grant. In the first year, 10 primary teachers were trained in the GEMs program. Each teacher was allowed to bring one partner teacher from their school to participate in the program and a mission program at the CLC. This year the teachers were 8<sup>th</sup> grade teachers from the same school. The first GEMs training was this past Saturday.

7. Discussion/Possible Action:

- a. Application for Membership – Ms. Rhonda Walton: It was *M/S/C Mahacek/Corchado* to approve Ms. Rhonda Walton for membership on the Youth Council and forward to the Workforce Investment Board for approval.
- b. CWA 2011 Youth Conference – Long Beach – January 18-20, 2011: It was *Newlon/Bittner* to approve that the Chair select three members to attend the CWA 2011 Youth Conference. Two members at the meeting, Ms. Claudia Corchado and Ms. Baljit Gill, showed interest in attending the conference.
- c. 2011 WIA Youth Programs Request for Proposal (RFP) Evaluation: The RFP Evaluation Ad-Hoc Committee will consist of the three members of the Best Practices Evaluation Ad-Hoc Committee, Mr. Robert Bittner, Mr. John Fowler, and Ms. Nellie McGarry, and two other volunteers, Ms. Debbie Glass and Ms. Claudia Corchado (volunteered at the meeting). The WIB will be notified of this action recommendation to let the RFP.

8. Reports:

- a. Youth Council Contracts Expenditures: A copy of the reports was included in the meeting packet.
- b. Youth Opportunity Program (YOP) 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Report (Jul-Sep): A copy of the report was included in the meeting packet.
- c. EMPOWER 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Report (Jul-Sep): A copy of the report was included in the meeting packet.

- d. Youth Resource Directory Update: Mr. John Keane and his staff updated the Youth Resource Directory and WI staff entered the corrected information into the database. As a reminder, only the electronic version will be updated.
  - e. Roadtrip Nation Ad-Hoc Committee Update: Implementing the Roadtrip Nation program is still being researched. Other organizations that have taken part in the Roadtrip Nation program are being contacted to analyze how they have implemented the program.
  - f. Ad-Hoc Committee for Research Best Practices Update: Best practices from existing youth programs in other counties are being researched.
9. Information:
- a. CLASP Special Screening: In Their Own Words: The Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP) is providing an online video, "The Dropout and Recovery Experiences of Young Males of Color," on Monday, October 25, 2010 from 4:00-5:30 p.m. A flyer was included in the meeting packet.
10. Chair Comments/Future Agenda Items: The Chair would like to discuss the acknowledgment of businesses that support youth that participate in the youth programs, as well as marketing for the youth programs.
11. Date/Time/Location of Next Meeting: December 15, 2010, 3:30-5:00 p.m., Merced County Office of Education, 632 West 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Merced, Room J-2.
12. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m.