

**Merced County Workforce Investment Board
 Youth Council
 Merced County Office of Education (MCOE)
 632 West 13th Street, Room J-2
 Merced, CA
 December 15, 2010 – 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.
 Meeting Agenda**



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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>

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

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 23rd, 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 10th graders from all of the high schools within Merced County to learn about all the career pathways available. On December 3rd, the Jack L. Boyd Outdoor School fundraising breakfast will be held at the Merced County Office of Education. The cost is \$10. December 9th is Lee Andersen's, Superintendent of Schools, public retirement dinner. Tickets are \$35.00 each.

The Challenger Learning Center (CLC) is on the 2nd 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 8th 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) 1st Quarter Report (Jul-Sep): A copy of the report was included in the meeting packet.
- c. EMPOWER 1st 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 13th Street, Merced, Room J-2.
12. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

TO: Youth Council

DATE: 12/15/10

FROM: Youth Council Staff

For Discussion

For Action

For Information

SUBJECT: Marketing for Youth Programs

PROPOSED MOTION(S): Discuss options to market the youth programs

DISCUSSION:

The Chair has requested that the Youth Council discuss options to market the youth programs.

Merced County Office of Education (MCOE) is the contractor for the Younger Youth (YOP), Out of School Youth (Empower), and Bridges to Success (BTS) programs that end June 30, 2011. The Green Jobs is a Regional Grant that ends December 31, 2010 of which MCOE is our Merced County contractor.

The YOP and Empower contracts provide appropriation for marketing: \$100 in YOP and \$400 in Empower; however, none of the funds have been expended. The programs have been very successful informing the local schools and community through formal and informal communications. Due to the success of the outreach, there is a waiting list to obtain entry into these programs.

On July 23, 2010, the Merced Sun-Star published an article "*Golden Valley High's ROP program focuses on direction*" by Jamie Oppenshein that informs our community about the Bridges to Success Program and Golden Valley High School's Regional Occupation (ROP) Program.

ATTACHMENT(S): Merced Sun-Star Article

Article On-Line:

<http://www.mercedsunstar.com/2010/07/23/v-print/1504674/golden-valley-highs-rop-program.html>

Golden Valley High's ROP program focuses on direction

By JAMIE OPPENHEIM
joppenheim@mercedsun-star.com
News - Local

Friday, Jul. 23, 2010

Gerry Fragasso, Golden Valley High School's Regional Occupation Program (ROP) medical occupations teacher, gives students what he never got when he graduated from high school -- direction.

"I had no clue what I wanted to do. I bounced around for a while before finding something I liked," he said. "With the ROP program, we are giving students some options, letting them know there is a light at the end."

Fragasso is one of the teachers in the Bridge to Success program, a new summer ROP program sponsored by the Merced County Office of Education and the Merced County Office of Workforce Investment.

The summer class meets once a week from June 14 until the end of July. It teaches students skills relating to either the medical profession or the automotive industry.

Those two industries were picked because of the prevalence of job opportunities in the community, said Kathy Wyman, the program's coordinator and MCOE career and alternative education coordinator.



MARCI STENBERG

As part of the program, students get placed in internships at local businesses,

Merced Sun-Star - Jennifer Benitez, 17, right, checks 16-year-old Claudia Guerrero's blood pressure during a Bridge to Success class at Golden Valley High School.

Overall, 107 students from all over the county participated in the program on either track. Although summer classes end next week, the program will continue until April.

During the school year, students will work closely with a mentor to help them finish high school.

In Fragasso's class, students learned the equivalent of Medicine 101 and included skills such as taking people's vital signs, first aid and CPR training, learning about blood-borne pathogens, as well as other medical terms.

Golden Valley High School junior Chantel Nelson practiced taking Gabby Segura's vital signs during Wednesday's class, a drill she does frequently during her internship at the Golden Valley Health Center in North Merced.

Both Nelson and Segura said they plan to enter the health care profession.



"It's good that it's a step in the door to the medical field," Nelson said. "As a teen usually you would work at Taco Bell, so this is much better."

Segura, also a Golden Valley High School student, said she'd like to be a surgeon one day. "I want to help the community," she explained. "Everywhere you go now there's not a lot of people who will help people now -- but I want to be the person who does."

Students receive minimum wage and can work up to 192 hours, Wyman said. Some of the sites where students are stationed for their internships include the Livingston Medical Group, University Surgery Center

and Express Health.

"We are giving them the chance to get their foot in the door," Fragasso said. "We're giving them the chance I never had."

The program specifically targets at-risk juniors and seniors as a way to keep them from dropping out of high school.

One of the requirements for being selected is that students must come from low-income families. Other factors could have included being a foster student, Wyman added.

"We want students to realize the connection between academic classes, career technical classes and employment," Wyman said. "This way, students will see the connection between what they learn in school and their future career."

The program was funded by a grant as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

While the ROP program will continue next year, the future of the Bridge to Success program is uncertain.

Wyman said that's because the same funds may not be available.

Read more: <http://www.mercedsunstar.com/2010/07/23/1504674/golden-valley-highs-rop-program.html#ixzz17SxfX5zU>

TO: Youth Council

DATE: 12/15/10

FROM: Youth Council Staff

For Discussion

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For Information

SUBJECT: Acknowledgement of Businesses that support the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) and Bridges to Success (BTS) Programs

PROPOSED MOTION(S): Discuss options to acknowledge Businesses that support youth programs

DISCUSSION:

The Chair has requested that the Youth Council discuss options to acknowledge businesses that support youth in Workforce Investment Act (WIA) and Bridges to Success (BTS) programs. The WIA and the BTS regulations do not permit funds to be expended for business recognition.

ATTACHMENT(S): N/A

TO: Youth Council

DATE: 12/15/10

FROM: Youth Council Staff

For Discussion

For Action

For Information

SUBJECT: Communication - Flow of Information

PROPOSED MOTION(S): Discuss the flow of Information

DISCUSSION:

The Chair has requested that the Youth Council discuss options for the distribution of information. Currently, all information is funneled through the Youth Council Staff to assure continuity of information received by all council members. Also, organizations have requested additional personnel and other non-member organizations are included in our distributions so that they may remain informed.

ATTACHMENT(S): N/A

TO: Youth Council

DATE: 12/15/10

FROM: Youth Council Staff

For Discussion

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For Information

SUBJECT: Youth Council Schedule

PROPOSED MOTION(S): That the Youth Council recommend the approval of the 2011 Calendar Year meeting schedule and forward to the Workforce Investment Board for approval.

DISCUSSION:

The following is the Bi-monthly meeting schedule for the Youth Council meetings and the Merced County Holiday Observances.

Youth Council 2011 - Committee Meetings

Youth Council Committee	Interval	Date
Youth Council 3:30 PM – 5:00 PM	Bi-Monthly on 3 rd Wednesday	February 16, 2011
		April 20, 2011
		June 15, 2011
		August 17, 2011
		October 19, 2011
		December 21, 2011

Merced County 2011 - Holiday Observances

Holiday	Date
Martin Luther King, Jr Day	January 17, 2011
Lincoln's Birthday	February 11, 2011
President's Day	February 21, 2011
Memorial Day	May 30, 2011
Independence Day	July 4, 2011
Labor Day	September 5, 2011
Columbus Day	October 10, 2011
Veteran's Day	November 11, 2011
Thanksgiving Day	November 24, 2011
Day after Thanksgiving	November 25, 2011
Christmas Day	December 26, 2011

ATTACHMENT(S): N/A

TO: Youth Council

DATE: 12/15/2010

FROM: Youth Council Staff

For Discussion

For Action

For Information

SUBJECT: Youth Contracts Expenditures

PROPOSED MOTION(S): None. Information Only.

DISCUSSION:

Attached is a summary report of all Youth Contracts showing the budget amount and amount billed to date.

Also attached are reports showing line item expenditures for the In-School and Out-of-School youth contracts with the Merced County Office of Education (MCOE). These contracts require that MCOE project their expenditures by month for comparison to actual monthly expenditures.

Staff will be present at the meeting to answer questions.

ATTACHMENT(S):

Youth Contracts Summary Report

MCOE EMPOWER Fiscal Report

MCOE YOP Fiscal Report

**MERCED COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE INVESTMENT
WIA YOUTH CONTRACTS**

Contract/Vendor Name	Contract Number	Total Contract Amt	Start Date	End Date	Contract Balance	Budget 2010/11 Only	* Expenditures To-Date	** Inv's Rec'd Not Yet Pd	*** Inv Through	**** % Billed	Comments
MCOE-YOP (ISY)	2010196	\$ 590,264.00	07/01/10	06/30/11	\$ 448,539.23	\$ 590,264.00	\$ 141,724.77		Oct '10	24%	
MCOE-Empower (OSY)	2010197	\$ 590,264.00	07/01/10	06/30/11	\$ 400,732.69	\$ 590,264.00	\$ 189,531.31		Oct '10	32%	
MCOE-BEAM	2010198	\$ 60,000.00	09/01/10	06/30/11	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00				0%	
MCOE-Bridges to Success	2010223	\$ 450,000.00	04/01/10	04/30/11	\$ 211,036.25		\$ 238,963.75		Oct '10	53%	
Fresno County LWIA (SJVGJ)	2009215	\$ 172,973.00	7/1/2009	12/31/10	\$ 38,678.73		56,781.55	77,512.72	Sept '10	78%	Backup just rec'd, payment in progress
Kern, Inyo, Mono LWIA (SJVGJ)	2009213	\$ 150,059.00	07/01/09	12/31/10	\$ 70,704.12		\$ 60,604.91	\$ 18,749.97	Sept '10	53%	
Kings County LWIA (SJVGJ)	2009273	\$ 56,664.00	07/01/09	12/31/10	\$ 8,119.18		\$ 48,544.82		Sept '10	86%	
Madera Co. Workforce Development (SJVGJ)	2009212	\$ 56,664.00	07/01/09	12/31/10	\$ 21,406.24		\$ 22,771.19	\$ 12,486.57	Oct '10	62%	
MCOE-Green Jobs (SJVGJ)	2009216	\$ 81,664.00	07/01/09	12/31/10	\$ 37,260.85		\$ 44,403.15		Oct '10	54%	
MCOE-Green Jobs (SJVGJ)	2009216	\$ 67,130.00	07/01/09	12/31/10	\$ 18,204.65		\$ 48,925.35		Oct '10	73%	
Mother Lode LWIA (SJVGJ)	2009211	\$ 28,331.00	07/01/09	12/31/10	\$ 1,109.34		\$ 27,221.66		Aug '10	96%	
San Joaquin LWIA (SJVGJ)	2009214	\$ 89,873.00	07/01/09	12/31/10	\$ 22,310.37		60,896.34	6,666.29	Aug '10	75%	
Stanislaus County (SJVGJ)	2009210	\$ 84,032.00	07/01/09	12/31/10	\$ 29,077.43		\$ 54,954.57		Jun '10	65%	
Tulare County LWIA (SJVGJ)	2009264	\$ 71,425.00	07/01/09	12/31/10	\$ 25,483.82		\$ 45,941.18		Oct '10	64%	
		\$ 2,549,343.00			\$ 1,392,662.90	\$ 1,240,528.00	\$ 1,041,264.55	\$ 115,415.55			

* Expenditures To-Date include entire contract period.

** Inv's Rec'd Not Yet Pd include invoices recently received and invoices requiring corrections/backup.

*** Invoiced Through shows latest dates of service covered by invoices.

**** % Billed is of entire contract, not just current year.

Updated 11/30/2010

MCOE- Empower #2010197
 Contract Expenditures
 July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2011

ITEM	BUDGET	YTD Invoices	October Invoice	YTD Exp as of 10/31/2010	Balance on 10/31/2010	Actual % Spent as of 10/31/10	MCOE's Projected Expenditures as of 10/31/10	% Variance	Amt of Variance
Salary - Admin	\$ 22,686	\$ 6,223	\$ 1,890	\$ 8,113	\$ 14,573	35.76%	36.43%	0.67%	\$ 151.39
Salary - Program	\$ 278,001	\$ 68,388	\$ 22,864	\$ 91,253	\$ 186,748	32.82%	34.60%	1.78%	\$ 4,935.54
Salary - Participants	\$ 52,000	\$ 18,220	\$ 4,756	\$ 22,976	\$ 29,024	44.18%	40.04%	-4.14%	\$ (2,155.20)
Benefits - Admin	\$ 10,252	\$ 1,817	\$ 946	\$ 2,763	\$ 7,489	26.95%	26.72%	-0.23%	\$ (23.80)
Benefits - Program	\$ 108,033	\$ 18,538	\$ 9,829	\$ 28,367	\$ 79,666	26.26%	27.16%	0.90%	\$ 974.73
Benefits - Participants	\$ 612	\$ 215	\$ 56	\$ 271	\$ 341	44.21%	40.06%	-4.15%	\$ (25.42)
Supplies Program	\$ 4,000	\$ 591	\$ 664	\$ 1,254	\$ 2,746	31.36%	29.76%	-1.60%	\$ (63.88)
Food	\$ 2,800	\$ -	\$ 156	\$ 156	\$ 2,644	5.56%	10.00%	4.44%	\$ 124.36
Software	\$ 4,000	\$ 157	\$ -	\$ 157	\$ 3,843	3.93%	3.93%	0.00%	\$ (0.15)
Equipment	\$ 800	\$ -	\$ 248	\$ 248	\$ 552	30.98%	25.00%	-5.98%	\$ (47.87)
Supportive Services	\$ 20,000	\$ 6,628	\$ 1,976	\$ 8,604	\$ 11,396	43.02%	38.14%	-4.88%	\$ (976.48)
Participant Incentive	\$ 1,600	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,600	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	\$ -
Mileage	\$ 2,400	\$ -	\$ 8	\$ 8	\$ 2,392	0.33%	10.00%	9.67%	\$ 232.00
Conference	\$ 3,360	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,360	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	\$ -
Transportation gas etc.	\$ 3,178	\$ 135	\$ 71	\$ 205	\$ 2,973	6.46%	14.24%	7.78%	\$ 247.24
Transportation Vans	\$ 3,049	\$ 764	\$ 254	\$ 1,018	\$ 2,031	33.40%	34.00%	0.60%	\$ 18.34
Marketing	\$ 400	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 400	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	\$ -
Rent	\$ 15,647	\$ 3,912	\$ 1,304	\$ 5,215	\$ 10,432	33.33%	34.00%	0.67%	\$ 104.58
Communications	\$ 2,300	\$ 240	\$ 150	\$ 390	\$ 1,910	16.96%	25.43%	8.47%	\$ 194.89
Contracted Serv (career tech e	\$ 17,356	\$ -	\$ 6,400	\$ 6,400	\$ 10,956	36.87%	33.00%	-3.87%	\$ (672.52)
Indirect Cost @ 6.84%	\$ 37,790	\$ 8,606	\$ 3,527	\$ 12,134	\$ 25,656	32.11%	30.77%	-1.34%	\$ (505.99)
Total	\$ 590,264	\$ 134,434	\$ 55,099	\$ 189,533	\$ 400,731	32.11%	32.00%	0.11%	\$ 649

MCOE- YOP #2010196
 Contract Expenditures
 July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2011

ITEM	BUDGET	YTD Invoices	October Invoice	YTD Exp as of 10/31/2010	Balance on 10/31/2010	Actual % Spent as of 10/31/10	MCOE's Projected Expenditures as of 10/31/10	% Variance	Amt of Variance
Salary - Admin	\$ 31,992	\$ 8,550	\$ 2,666	\$ 11,215	\$ 20,777	35.06%	35.72%	0.66%	\$ 212.44
Salary - Program	\$ 278,001	\$ 49,704	\$ 22,181	\$ 71,885	\$ 206,116	25.86%	27.88%	2.02%	\$ 5,621.47
Salary - Participant	\$ 68,953	\$ 10,040	\$ 86	\$ 10,126	\$ 58,827	14.69%	16.56%	1.87%	\$ 1,292.62
Benefits - Admin	\$ 13,301	\$ 2,421	\$ 1,217	\$ 3,638	\$ 9,663	27.35%	28.20%	0.85%	\$ 112.66
Benefits - Program	\$ 108,033	\$ 14,632	\$ 9,634	\$ 24,266	\$ 83,768	22.46%	27.54%	5.08%	\$ 5,486.79
Benefits - Participant	\$ 813	\$ 118	\$ 1	\$ 119	\$ 694	14.67%	16.54%	1.87%	\$ 15.21
Software - 4210	\$ 4,000	\$ 157	\$ -	\$ 157	\$ 3,843	3.93%	3.93%	0.00%	\$ (0.15)
Supplies - Program	\$ 4,925	\$ 769	\$ 671	\$ 1,439	\$ 3,486	29.23%	30.61%	1.38%	\$ 68.09
Food	\$ 3,000	\$ 34	\$ 239	\$ 273	\$ 2,727	9.10%	11.13%	2.03%	\$ 60.88
Marketing - 5800	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	\$ -
Equipment - 4400	\$ 800	\$ -	\$ 248	\$ 248	\$ 552	30.99%	25.00%	-5.99%	\$ (47.89)
Travel/Conference	\$ 2,960	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,960	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	\$ -
Mileage - 5230	\$ 2,800	\$ -	\$ 27	\$ 27	\$ 2,773	0.96%	10.00%	9.04%	\$ 253.00
Communications	\$ 2,300	\$ 240	\$ 150	\$ 390	\$ 1,910	16.96%	23.00%	6.04%	\$ 139.00
Participant Incentives	\$ 3,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,000	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	\$ -
includes field trip expense									
Support Services	\$ 2,720	\$ 1,880	\$ 544	\$ 2,424	\$ 296	69.12%	71.12%	2.00%	\$ 54.40
Rent	\$ 15,647	\$ 3,912	\$ 1,304	\$ 5,215	\$ 10,432	25.00%	35.00%	10.00%	\$ 1,564.70
Transportation - gas, etc	\$ 6,080	\$ 154	\$ 57	\$ 211	\$ 5,869	2.54%	11.54%	9.00%	\$ 547.20
Transportation Van Lease	\$ 3,049	\$ 762	\$ 254	\$ 1,016	\$ 2,033	33.33%	34.00%	0.67%	\$ 20.34
Indirect cost @ 6.84%	\$ 37,790	\$ 6,387	\$ 2,687	\$ 9,073	\$ 28,717	24.01%	24.90%	0.89%	\$ 336.36
Total	\$ 590,264	\$ 99,759	\$ 41,966	\$ 141,725	\$ 448,539	24.01%	24.90%	-0.89%	\$ (5,251)

TO: Youth Council

DATE: 12/15/10

FROM: Youth Council Staff

For Discussion

For Action

For Information

SUBJECT: CWA 2011 Youth Conference

PROPOSED MOTION(S): For Information Only

DISCUSSION:

The California Workforce Association (CWA) Annual Youth Conference will be held January 18-20, 2011 in Long Beach, CA. The theme of the conference “*Our Time Our Voice*” reflects the commitment to refocus, redesign and reenergize California’s youth programs, especially for out of school youth and youth most impacted by the current economy.

The current budget provides funding of \$4,000 for three members and one staff to attend the conference. An announcement was made in October and an e-mail sent to all members for interested members to contact staff via e-mail of their interest in attending. The Youth Council chair has selected the following individuals to attend the conference: Claudia Corchado, John Fowler, Nellie McGarry, and Nancy Havens. The Conference is designed to provide specific skill building and professional development opportunities that should enable the members to report to the Youth Council information that will better reach and impact youth in our community.

ATTACHMENT(S): N/A

TO: Youth Council

DATE: 12/15/10

FROM: Youth Council Staff

For Discussion

For Action

For Information

SUBJECT: The submission of the Employment and Training Administration (ETA), U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) competitive grant application for the YouthBuild Grant, a youth and community development program.

PROPOSED MOTION(S): None – Informational Only

DISCUSSION:

On December 3, 2010 the Merced County Department of Workforce Investment (WI) submitted a grant application for the Employment and Training Administration (ETA), U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) competitive grant funds for the YouthBuild Grant, a youth and community development program. ETA intends for the grant funds to provide low-income disadvantaged youth (ages 16 – 24) with education and employment skills necessary to achieve economic self-sufficiency in high demand occupations with post secondary education and training, opportunities for meaningful work and service to the communities, and opportunities to develop employment and leadership skills. The YouthBuild program allows grantees to tap the energies and talents of disadvantaged youth allowing them to increase the supply of permanent affordable housing for homeless individuals and low-income families while achieving the occupational skills needed to succeed in today’s global economy. This is a great opportunity for agencies to work together with their local workforce investment boards, school district(s), or other agencies to provide services to the youth in their community.

The WI staff discussed with the collaborative partners, the possibility and commitment for this grant. Opinion was unanimous to move forward in the submission of an application for this grant that could provide our community up to \$1.1M to serve approximately sixty-five (65) low-income disadvantaged youth. The twenty-five percent (25%) in-kind match would be provided primarily by the collaborative partners for building materials, oversight and supervision during construction, and for some educational training and leadership skills.

ATTACHMENT(S): N/A

TO: Youth Council

DATE: 12/15/10

FROM: Youth Council Staff

For Discussion

For Action

For Information

SUBJECT: Bridges to Success (BTS) At-risk Youth Services

PROPOSED MOTION(S): None – Informational Only

DISCUSSION:

The State of California Employment Development Department awarded Merced County Department of Workforce Investment (WI) grant funds utilizing Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Governor's 15 Percent discretionary funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) to fund a high school dropout prevention program for at-risk youth. WI in partnership with the Merced County Office of Education (MCOE) was successful in securing this grant. This partnership is advantageous to the County since WIA does not permit WI to be the administrator and sub-recipient of the youth grants. The Board of Supervisors accepted the grant on June 22, 2010.

This BTS At-risk Youth Services grant funding is used for 106 Merced County at-risk youth (at-risk of not graduating high school) engaged in academic learning and work experience through hands-on automotive and healthcare education. The MCOE has scheduled field trips for BTS youth to tour Merced College on December 4th and California State University, Fresno on December 20th.

The State is concerned that local areas were not spending all ARRA funds quickly and effectively. The Department of Labor (DOL) goal was that 70% of the ARRA funds would be spent by September 30, 2010. The State of California's expenditure rate barely exceeded the 70 percent goal. Therefore, on October 12, 2010 a corrective action plan was submitted, and WI and MCOE have exceeded their planned expenses for the at-risk youth.

ATTACHMENT(S): N/A