

# Workforce Investment Board of Merced County Youth Council

MCOE, Building M

632 W. 13<sup>th</sup> Street Ave, Merced, CA

Wednesday, December 16, 2009 – 3:30-5:00 p.m.

## Meeting Minutes



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**Members Present:** Melissa Abby, Bob Bittner, Claudia Corchado (Vice Chair), Martha Dueñas, John Fowler, Debbie Glass (Chair), Alexander Hall, Richard Mahacek, Nellie McGarry, Nancy Mendoza, Holly Newlon, Vann (Mike) Smith, Atenas Vallejo

**Members Absent:** Stephanie Busbea, Mary Jane Hawkes, Rick Osorio, Edgar Perez

**Others Present:** Brian Cutler, Jessica Garibay, Flip Hassett, Rebecca Lincoln, Alfredo Mendoza, Maria Negrete, Eve Snelling, Todd Thompson, 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 Fowler/Newlon* to approve the agenda as published.
3. Approve Minutes: It was *M/S/C Newlon/Bittner* to approve the September 16 and October 21, 2009 minutes as published.
4. Public Opportunity to Speak: None
5. Announcements: Mr. Alexander Hall noted Parks and Community Services will host "Breakfast with Santa" Saturday, December 19, 2009 at the Merced Senior Community Center, 755 W. 15<sup>th</sup> Street. General admission is \$3.00 in advance and \$5.00 at the door. There will be two sessions, one from 8:30-9:30 a.m. and the second from 10:30-11:30 a.m. To register, visit Parks and Community Services at 690 W. 16<sup>th</sup> Street.

Ms. Nancy Mendoza noted EDD is having its Toys for Tots toy drive, and will be delivering toys to children from Franklin and Fremont elementary schools. She also noted Mr. Bittner's last day at work is Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

Ms. Holly Newlon noted Mr. Lee Anderson has decided not seek reelection and will be retiring as Superintendent of the Merced County Office of Education.

6. Presentations:
  - a. United Way of Merced County – Computers for Students Project: Mr. Flip Hassett, Director of United Way, provided information regarding the Computers for Students Project that was executed in collaboration with Gallo. Gallo donated several used computers to the United Way that were wiped clean and through this partnership, approximately 30 disadvantaged youth received a computer who otherwise would not have had the means to get one on their own. Several ideas on how the Youth Council would sponsor a similar computer project were entertained. Mr. John Fowler offered to speak to the warden of the federal prison in Atwater to see if it would be possible for inmates to refurbish donated computers.

b. 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Youth Program Expenditures: Ms. Jackie Walther-Parnell provided information on Youth Program expenditures.

7. Discussion Agenda:

a. Review and Discussion of Youth Council Goals (continued): Council members continued to discuss Youth Council Goals and Functions. This item will continue onto the January meeting agenda.

b. Youth Council Recruitment: Staff provided information on Youth Council memberships that are mandated by law and which areas have been identified for recruitment. Ms. Nellie McGarry and Mr. John Fowler volunteered to form an ad-hoc committee for Youth Council membership recruitments.

8. Action Agenda

a. Recommendations to the WIB for Youth Funds: It was *M/S/C Hall/Smith* to create an ad-hoc committee to focus on how best to utilize the remaining Youth funds (Ms. Newlon abstained). The following members volunteered to form part of the committee: Ms. McGarry, Ms. Atenas Vallejo, and Ms. Melissa Abby.

b. Youth Council Membership: It was *M/S/C Hall/McGarry* to approve recommendation for Ms. Julieanne Brantley, Merced County ILP Foster Youth Coordinator/Instructor, for membership on the Youth Council and forward recommendation to the WIB for approval.

9. Information

a. California Workforce Association (CWA) Youth Conference Attendees: Staff noted the following will be attending the CWA Youth Conference:

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| 1. Ms. Nellie McGarry | 4. Mr. John Fowler     |
| 2. Ms. Eve Snelling   | 5. Ms. Melissa Abby    |
| 3. Ms. Nancy Mendoza  | 6. Mr. Alfredo Mendoza |

b. Youth Council Resignation: Ms. Patricia Evans has resigned from the Youth Council, effective December 12, 2009.

c. Youth Council Resignation: Ms. Nancy Silva has resigned from the Youth Council, effective December 4, 2009.

10. Chair Comments/Future Agenda Item: The Chair, Ms. Debbie Glass, presented Ms. Rebecca Lincoln with a plaque for her membership with the Youth Council from May 2001 to January 2009.

11. Date, Time and Location of Next Youth Council Meeting: The next Youth Council meeting was originally scheduled for January 20, 2010; however, due to the CWA Youth Conference, it has been rescheduled to January 27, 2010, 3:30 p.m., Dept of Workforce Investment, Large Conference Room, 1880 Wardrobe Ave, Merced.

12. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.