

Workforce Investment Board of Merced County Youth Council



Merced County Office of Education – Newbold Room
632 W. 13th Street, Merced, CA
Wednesday, February 9, 2005, 4:00 p.m.
Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Stephanie Busbea, Mary Cavazos, Claudia Corchado, Natalie Culver, Ben Duran, Evelyn Eagleton, Rennise Ferrario, Alexander Hall, Kathy Hassett, Mary Jane Hawkes, Charlie Lambert, Rebecca Lincoln, Richard Mahacek, Nellie McGarry (Chair), Mayra Ramirez, Vann (Mike) Smith, Rev. Craig E. White, Sr

Members Absent: Ana Andrade, Bob Bittner, Robert Harmon, Taide Hernandez (Vice Chair), Jim Newberry, Edgar Perez

Others Present: Dave Davis, Dee Knight

1. Call to Order/Roll Call: The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m., and roll call was taken.

2. Approve Agenda: It was *M/S/C Duran/Alexander* to approve the agenda as published.

3. Approve Minutes: Item 5.a., line 1, change the name “Burk” to “Buck”. It was *M/S/C Hall/Cavazos* to approve the December 8, 2004 minutes with the above-noted change.

4. Public Opportunity to Speak: None.

5. Announcements:

a. The Children’s Summit Action Team on Youth Development received a presentation from the Girl Scouts on the Search Institute Assets. The next meeting will be March 7, 2005, 9:00 a.m., and they will have someone from San Luis Obispo, CA, to speak on how two of their communities have been addressing assets. A subgroup will meet on February 17, 2004, 4:00 p.m., at Merced College, to work on plans for youth activities for the next Children’s Summit, which will be April 2, 2005. Anyone interested in joining a group or sharing ideas, please call Mr. Mahacek.

6. Action Agenda:

a. **Application for Membership – Nathan Timmerman:** It was *M/S/C Duran/Mahacek* to approve Mr. Nathan Timmerman as a youth member on the Youth Council.

b. **Youth Contracts Renewal Recommendation:** It was *M/S/C Hall/Corchado (abstain Cavazos, Eagleton, Lincoln and Ramirez)* to approve renewal of the Younger Youth and Out-of-School Youth contracts.

7. Information Agenda:

a. **Youth Council Chair Selection Process:** It was the consensus of the Youth Council that the name of Ms. Kathy Hassett be taken to the Executive Council meeting on February 28, 2005, for recommendation as the Youth Council Chair. It was also recommended that a request is made to

change the Workforce Investment Board Bylaws regarding filling the Youth Council Chairperson position.

b. Younger Youth Program Quarterly Report: Committee members enjoyed reading the success story, and would like these successes included in the report periodically.

Kudos were given to Ms. Becky Lincoln, Ms. Mayra Ramirez and Ms. Eve Snelling for their comprehensive presentation at the California Workforce Association Youth Conference on January 25-27, 2005. The audience made positive comments, and took copious notes. The Empower Program Youth attendee (20 years old) gave an inspiring testimony, and captured the attention of the whole audience.

c. Out-of-School Youth Program Quarterly Report: No comments. Members were invited to attend the Empower Program orientation that is held the second Friday of every month, 1-3 p.m., in the MCOE Clark Room.

Staff noted the Juvenile Hall Program (17 and 18 year old juveniles) has only one enrollment. The \$70,000 must be spent by June 30, 2005. Ms. Evelyn Eagleton will e-mail staff a preliminary report on this program, and staff will e-mail it to all Youth Council members for review/comments. Ms. Holly Newlon will be asked to attend the March 9, 2005 meeting to answer any questions.

8. Chair Comments: No comments.

9. Date, Time and Location of Next Youth Council Meeting: Next meeting is March 9, 2005, 4:00 p.m, at Merced County Office of Education – Clark Room, 632 W. 13th Street, Merced.

10. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Devilla D. Knight