**Workforce Investment Board of Merced County**

# Youth Council

**UC Cooperative Extension**
**2145 West Wardrobe Avenue, Merced, CA**
**Wednesday, February 11, 2004, 4:00 p.m.**
**Meeting Minutes**

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| **Members Present:** | Bob Bittner, Stephanie Busbea, Mary Cavazos, Claudia Corchado, Ben Duran, Evelyn Eagleton, Rennise Ferrario, Alexander Hall, Robert Harmon, Mary Jane Hawkes, Taide Hernandez (Vice Chair), Rebecca Lincoln, Richard Mahacek, Nellie McGarry (Chair), Jim Newberry, Mayra Ramirez, Edgar Perez, Vann (Mike) Smith, Ralph Vigil, Rev. Craig E. White, Sr. |
| **Members Absent:** | Ana Andrade, Laura Gongora, Kathy Hassett, Cecilia Jimenez, Jerry Johnson, Charlie Lambert, Kristen Miller |
| **WI Staff Present:** | Dave Davis, Dee Knight |
| **Others Present:** | Holly Newlon, MCOE |

**1. Call to Order/Roll Call:** The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m., and roll call was taken.

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

**3. Approve Minutes:** It was *M/S/C Smith/Corchado* to approve the December 10, 2003 minutes.

**4. Public Opportunity to Speak:** None.

**5. Announcements:**

a. On Saturday, March 13, 2004, from 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., the Merced County 4H is having its Communications Day. If anyone is interested in volunteering to be a judge, please call Mr. Richard Mahacek at 385-7418 or let him know after the meeting.

b. Ms. Evelyn Eagleton noted the Firm Build nonprofit Youth Program finished the remodeling work at MCOE, and has received a contract to remodel a kitchen.

**6. Action Agenda:**

**a. Request for Proposal Evaluation Team Selection:** This Request for Proposal is for the In-School and Out-of-School Youth Programs. The Chair asked that Youth Council members consider adding a youth and the parent representative to the evaluation team. It was *M/S/C Hall/Eagleton* that the following be participants on the evaluation team:

- Stephanie Busbea
- Claudia Corchado
- Rennise Ferrario
- Kathy Hassett
- Bob Harmon
- Taide Hernandez
- Rebecca Lincoln

**7. Information Agenda:**

**a. Merced County Children's Summit:** Ms. Claudia Corchado, Ms. Rebecca Lincoln (who was the spokesperson) and Ms. Mayra Ramirez are all participants on the planning team to recognize Child Abuse Prevention Month on April 30 and May 1, 2004. They want to encourage Youth Council members to volunteer as facilitators or scribes for the Children's Summit teen breakout sessions (ages 13-22) that will take place on April 30, 2004, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at the Boys and Girls Club. There will be a teen dance from 8:00-10:00 p.m.

The focus will be on children ages 0-22. They would specifically like the Youth Council to volunteer to facilitate the "All Youth-One System—what would it look like" session. A Merced County Strategic Plan for Children will be developed from the information gathered at the breakout sessions. Registration forms will be provided to staff and will also be on-line. Anyone wanting to volunteer, please let one of them know after the meeting or within the next two weeks. The next planning team meeting will be February 24, 2004, 11:45-12:45, at the Boys and Girls Club.

It was recommended that staff submit an advocacy letter from the Youth Council to the Workforce Investment Board supporting this concept at its March 11, 2004 meeting, and that someone from the planning team be present to answer any questions.

**b. City of Merced Fund-raiser:** The Chair proposed a concept of the Youth Council having all Merced County youth serving agencies come together at a one-day workshop to inform parents/children what's available in Merced, and culminate that day with a "gala" fund-raiser at $50 per person. Where this money would be kept would have to be worked out by a committee, but the money would be held to be used to support youth activities that don't fall under the WIA criteria. The Chair asked members to think about this, and the topic would be brought back for further discussion at the next meeting.

**8. Chair Comments:** The Chair noted she has been trying to keep in touch with the State Youth Council to ascertain to what extent the Governor is supporting the youth program. As she receives information, it will be passed on.

**9. Date, Time and Location of Next Youth Council Meeting:** Next meeting is April 14, 2004, 4:00 p.m, at Merced County Office of Education.

**10. Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Devilla D. Knight