

**Workforce Investment Board of Merced County
Youth Council
PITD Small Conference Room
1880 W. Wardrobe Avenue, Merced
Friday, March 8, 2002, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Meeting Minutes**



Members Present: Micki Archuleta, Bob Bittner, Mary Cavazos, Claudia Corchado, Chuck Dean, Evelyn Eagleton, Troy Fox, Robert Harmon, Kathy Hassett, Noah P. Lor, Rebecca Lincoln, Jim Newberry, Suzanne Nuñez, Jack Page, Michael Parker, Mayra Ramirez (Vice-Chair), Mike Smith, Jean Weaver

Members Absent: Barbara Ayers, Lorena Briano, Suzannah Campbell, Daryl Dupree, Rennise Ferrario, Robert Gilbert Jr., Mary Jane Hawkes, Henry Ildefonso, Jerry Johnson, Cynthia Kelly-Reponte, Jeff Knapp, Charlie Lambert, Steve Lundgren, Richard Mahacek, Nellie McGarry (Chair), Marie Nelson, Ralph Vigil, Rev. Craig E. White, Sr.

PITD Staff Present: Bernedette Castañeda, Dave Davis, Gary Derr, Marta Echevarria, Eddie Harding, Ed McLaughlin, Dick Skarke

Others Present: Kiley Carrillo, Maria Corchado, Juan Corona, Mike Cuchna, Lisa Davidson, Robin Davis, Michelle Ellis, Laura Gongora, Charles Jameson, See Lee, Bill Long, Cristian Martinez, Janice Montes, Gloria Morris, Phoua Moua, Pat Newby, Anne Newins, John Olson, Celeste Ramos, Claudia Soria-Delgado, William Walls, Jacob Ward, Khou Xiong

1. Call to Order/Roll Call – The Vice-Chair called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m., and roll call was taken.

2. Approval of Agenda – The following changes were made to the agenda:

- a. Item 6g was moved to Item 6a (all other items were moved over one),
- b. Item 6e was reversed with item 6f, and
- c. Due to lack of time, item 6h was tabled for a future meeting.

It was *M/S/C Dean/Newberry* to approve the agenda with the aforementioned changes.

3. Approval of Minutes – It was *M/S/C Page/Corchado* to approve the February 8, 2001 minutes.

4. Public Opportunity to Speak:

- a. Mr. Charles Jameson noted cost allocations were the same at all of ARBOR, Inc.'s locations throughout California and nationwide. He also noted funding documentation was not monitored for the first five months, and therefore ARBOR staff assumed documentation was being done correctly. He acknowledged ARBOR's failed attempt to meet contract requirements pursuant to the February Youth Council meeting. He also noted if the council chose not to renew the older-youth contract, ARBOR would fully cooperate with the Youth Council and PITD to effectively close out the program and transfer youth to other programs.

5. Announcements:

- a. A collaboration of agencies for a Request for Application (RFA) to address the issues of teen pregnancy is being requested from the California Health Collaborative Teen Pregnancy Prevention program. Interested agencies will be meeting March 11, 2002, at the McCombs Youth Center. For more information contact Claudia Corchado at (209) 724-0111.
- b. The McCombs Youth Center (Boys and Girls Club of Merced) is now open and conducting business. The grand opening was successful, and there was community-wide participation. The facility is receiving abundant membership applications. Anyone interested in renting the facilities should contact Eddie Cotton at (209) 722-9922.
- c. Lions Club is holding a Good Friday fish dinner on March 29, 2002. The dinner will fund scholarships to Merced College. If interested, contact Jean Weaver at (209) 725-8668.
- d. The Soroptimist Club is hosting "Biologue with Melissa Stevinson" on March 14, 2002 at Merced College. If interested, contact Jean Weaver at (209) 725-8668.
- e. Jobs for California Graduates (JCG) is asking for volunteers to be judges for Career Development Month. Judges will help youth develop their employment and public speaking skills. If interested, contact Chuck Dean at (209) 722-6714.

6. Action Agenda:

- a. **DECA "What's Up in Merced?"** – Michelle Ellis, Co-Advisor for Golden Valley DECA and Career Educator at Merced County Office of Education (MCOE), presented youth members of Golden Valley High School DECA (Juan Corona, See Lee, Phoua Moua, Jacob Ward, and Khou Xiong) who discussed an entertainment guide recently developed by them for a creative marketing and public relations project. The guide is based on a variety of social events and activities for Merced County youth, and will be published annually. The group took first and second place at the DECA state competition, and will compete at the national level on April 19-24, 2002, in Salt Lake City, Utah. Council members were highly impressed with the sample of the product by the DECA youth, and commended their hard work and dedication on this project. Members noted this entertainment guide will be a positive tool for youth in Merced County.
- b. **Membership Request (Dr. Robert Fore)** – It was *M/S/C Dean/Lincoln* to accept the application for Youth Council membership from Dr. John Fore, Superintendent, Dos Palos/Oro Loma School District, and forward the recommendation to the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) and Board of Supervisors (BOS) for approval.
- c. **Request for Funds: Merced College Electronics Lab** – Merced College is requesting \$66,000 funding to help purchase equipment for an electronics program that will offer the CISCO certification program as well as a variety of other electronics courses in demand by local/regional industries. The funds will also help with the additional classes in the fall of 2002, and the remodeling of a classroom in the summer of 2002. It was *M/S/C Smith/Dean (Abstain – Page)* to fund \$66,000 towards the purchase of equipment for the Merced College CISCO electronics program, and forward the recommendation to the Workforce Investment Board and Board of Supervisors.

- d. Request for Funds: Youth Expo 2002 Keynote Speaker** – The Youth Expo 2002 is a one-day conference focusing on preparing Merced County high school age students upon exiting high school. This conference includes vocational, education, financial counseling, and other topics of interest to youth. Merced County Human Services Agency is requesting \$500 to help pay the keynote speaker, Rebecca “Maggie” Magdalena Escobedo-Steele, for this conference. Maggie is a certified mediator, and a distinguished professional specializing in working to prevent violence and gang conflict among youth. It was *M/S/C Dean/Bittner (Abstain – Hassett)* to approve \$500 to pay for the keynote speaker.
 - e. ARBOR, Inc. Contract** – It was *M/S/C Corchado/Weaver (Abstain – Dean, Bittner, Cavazos, Eagleton, Page)* to not renew the ARBOR, Inc. Out-of-School, Older Youth Contract, and to allow ARBOR, Inc. to enroll participants only through April 30, 2002. The Youth Council will recommend same motion to the WIB.
 - f. Youth to Youth Conference Update** – There are currently 33 registrants for the Youth Conference. There are 13 Workforce Investment Act (WIA) eligible students who will be attending through a special scholarship, as well as two more attendees from Mariposa County. It was *M/S/C Archuleta/Eagleton* to proceed with the Youth Conference with the current 33 registered attendees with the understanding that solicitation for participation will also be ongoing.
 - g. Youth Conference Facilitator Approval** – Youth Council members received a Youth Conference Suggested Facilitators worksheet with the names of the prospective facilitators. It was *M/S/C Dean/Archuleta* to approve the Youth Conference Facilitators list as presented.
 - h. Video: “One Voice Healing Pole”** – The item was tabled for a future meeting.
 - i. Asset Map/Gap Analysis Presentation Update** – Staff noted the Needs Assessment Survey and Asset Map/Gap Analysis will be presented to the BOS on March 19, 2002, by the Youth Council Chair and supported by Planning and Quality Assurance Committee members. Interested Youth Council members were invited to attend.
 - j. Youth Resource Directory Update** – Staff noted the Youth Resource Directory has been completed and printing has begun. The Leadership/Marketing Committee is in the process of determining distribution of the directory.
 - k. Youth Council Membership composition Update** – An informational handout was provided to members detailing the current makeup of Youth Council members, and WIA Youth Council membership requirements. There are currently 36 members and 3 additional members pending approval by the WIB and BOS. The Leadership/Marketing committee is recommending that the Youth Council limit its membership size to 40 members, with 10% of that membership comprised of youth. The committee will bring forth this proposal to the Youth Council at its meeting in April 2002.
- 7. Committee Chair Reports:**
- a. Operations Committee (Kathy Hassett)** – All information was provided and discussed above.
 - b. Leadership/Marketing Committee (Claudia Corchado)** – Chuck Dean is the newest member of this committee. The committee is working on the distribution of the Youth

Resource Directory and placement of the directory on the Youth Council website. The directory will be produced in-house.

- c. **Planning and Quality Assurance Committee (Gary Derr)** – The results of the second youth survey are in and results prove the original survey statistics are accurate. The committee will be looking at different types of youth development models.
- d. **Outreach and Education Committee (Suzanne Nuñez)** – All information was provided and discussed above.

8. Chair Comments – The Vice-Chair thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

9. Other Business – None

10. Date, Time and Location of Next Youth Council Meeting – The next Youth Council meeting is on April 12, 2002, in the UC Cooperative Extension Classroom (2145 W. Wardrobe Avenue, Merced) from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

11. Adjournment – It was *M/S/C Dean/Corchado* to adjourn the meeting at 10:56 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Marta Echevarria