

Workforce Investment Board of Merced County

Youth Council

Merced County Office of Education – Newbold Room

632 W. 13th Street, Merced, CA

Wednesday, March 9, 2005 – 4:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

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MERCED COUNTY YOUTH COUNCIL

Members Present: Mary Cavazos, Evelyn Eagleton, Alexander Hall, Robert Harmon, Kathy Hassett, Mary Jane Hawkes, Taide Hernandez (Vice Chair), Charlie Lambert, Rebecca Lincoln, Richard Mahacek, Nellie McGarry (Chair), Rick Osorio, Edgar Perez, Mayra Ramirez, Vann (Mike) Smith, Nathan Timmerman

Members Absent: Ana Andrade, Bob Bittner, Stephanie Busbea, Claudia Corchado, Natalie Culver, Ben Duran, Rennise Ferrario, Jim Newberry, Rev. Craig E. White, Sr

Others Present: Dave Davis, Marissa Enciso (Youth), Dee Knight, Holly Newlon/Debbie Woody (MCOE)

1. Call to Order/Roll Call: The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m., and roll call was taken.

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

3. Approve Minutes: It was *M/S/C Smith/Lambert* to approve the February 9, 2005 minutes.

4. Public Opportunity to Speak: None.

5. Announcements:

a. On April 30, 2005, 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., at Reedley College, the CA Health Collaborative will have its Annual Teen Conference, which is free (breakfast/lunch provided), and Merced has 20 seats. Anyone interested, contact Taide Hernandez at 724-0111. Also the CA Health Collaborative was refunded for five years.

b. On March 19, 2005, Cruickshank School will be hosting a Youth-To-Youth Conference. Some of the ROP students are leaders at this conference. The theme is “You Haven’t Failed Until You Quit”.

c. The Children’s Summit will be April 1-2, 2005, but the teen session of the summit will not be held until September or October. Youth Council members were invited to participate on the planning committee for teen session. The next Summit subgroup meeting will be April 5, 2005, 4 p.m., Merced College Admin Conference Room.

6. Introduction of Rick Osorio, New Youth Council Chair: The Chair noted County Counsel stated the Youth Council Chair would have to be a Workforce Investment Board (WIB) member per the bylaws. A request went out to the WIB members, and Mr. Rick Osorio volunteered. The Chair introduced Mr. Osorio to the Youth Council.

Mr. Osorio noted he is an advocate of youth programs. He is excited to be a part of the Youth Council, and is looking forward to working with everyone. He gave his phone numbers and e-mail address for members to contact him: Office – 723-5033; Cell – 489-9313; osofin@merced.net.com.

7. Information Agenda:

a. Exemplary Performance Award/Corrective Action Plan: Staff noted this Corrective Action Plan is being presented after the fact, because of the short turnaround to the Employment Development Department. The Quality Assurance Committee recommended the plan go to the WIB Executive Committee for approval, and that committee approved the Plan on February 28, 2005.

The Corrective Action Plan had to be submitted because the Older Youth Credential/Diploma Rate was not attained—it was missed by one youth. This is part of the aftereffect from the last two providers. The current provider, MCOE, has been trained in both Performance Measures and Exit Strategies, and the Department anticipates no problem in them attaining the rate in PY 04/05.

b. Out-of-School Juvenile Justice Program Update: The Juvenile Justice Program is now on track. As of February 28, 2005, approximately ten youth (all incarcerated) have been identified as potential program participants and are in the enrollment process. Approximately six additional enrollments per month will be required for the period March-June 2005 to reach the targeted enrollment of 35. They will continue to be served/follow-up after incarceration.

8. Chair Comments: The Chair noted she and Ms. Evelyn Eagleton attended the National Association of Workforce Board Conference last week in Washington, D.C. Ms. Eagleton attended the youth sessions, and she attended the WIB sessions. The House passed the Reauthorization with a ratio of 30% for in school and 70% for out-of-school. There is still time while the Bill is in the Senate to try and change the ratio for in-school youth. They met with several legislators and stressed the importance of economic development and workforce separation; but more importantly they didn't want the youth programs confined to everyone being the same—everyone is different—and Merced County has the highest population of young people in the state.

Ms. Eagleton noted she attended a session where a presentation was made on a new opportunity to get additional grant monies, but it must be through a faith-based organization. She got all the information, and will see what the requirements are. Another interesting session she attended was where a community in Pennsylvania that has 10% of its youth homeless, did a study on which areas in the community would have the greatest need for employees; i.e., healthcare. They went to that healthcare community, convinced them of the need, and got them to partner with them in providing funding to offer the programs that would prepare the youth for employment and going to college. She is going to find out more about this study.

The Chair thanked everyone for their cooperation, and allowing her to serve as Youth Council Chair.

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

10. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.