

# Workforce Investment Board of Merced County Youth Council

Castle Challenger Learning Center  
3460 Challenger Way, Atwater  
Wednesday, April 9, 2008 – 3:30 p.m.

## Meeting Notes



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**Members Present:** Bob Bittner, Stephanie Busbea, Rennise Ferrario (Chair), Mary Jane Hawkes, Wendy Lomeli, Holly Newlon, Rick Osorio, Rebecca Rodriguez-Lincoln, Nancy A. Silva  
Nancy Vega-Mendoza

**Members Absent:** Claudia Corchado (Vice Chair), Martha Dueñas, Ben Duran, Alexander Hall, Kathy Hassett, Taide Hernandez, Richard Mahacek, Stefani Martinez, Edgar Perez, Deloris Sharp, Vann (Mike) Smith, Nathan Timmerman

**Others Present:** Patricia Hinson, Alfredo Mendoza

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**1. Presentation: Information Tour:** Ms. Mary Jane Hawkes gave members a tour of the Castle Challenger Learning Center.

**2. Call to Order/Roll Call:** At 4:35 p.m., the Chair, Ms. Rennise Ferrario, noted the regular meeting would be canceled due to lack of a quorum. The Chair convened a workgroup to discuss the agenda items. A sign-in sheet was used in lieu of roll call.

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

**4. Announcements:** Ms. Rebecca Rodriguez-Lincoln invited members to attend the Central Valley Opportunity Center Annual Scholarship Banquet dinner on May 16, 2008. Anyone may contact her for tickets.

### **5. Action Agenda:**

**a. Selection of Youth Programs Provider:** Mr. Rick Osorio gave an update on the selection process. On March 27, 2008, the Request for Proposal (RFP) Committee met with Purchasing Department staff and has recommended the selection process be continued by the Executive Committee. Since quorum was not met and in order to maintain integrity of the RFP timeline, the recommendation by the group to select Merced County Office of Education for the Youth Programs for 2008-09 shall be on the next Workforce Investment Board Executive Committee meeting.

### **6. Discussion Agenda: Website Ad-hoc Committee Update:**

a. Ms. Wendy Lomeli noted the committee discussed the legalities of having a County sponsored youth website. Staff was tasked with inquiring about legal issues about the website for the next meeting. Additionally, the website is beginning to take shape by being divided into three sections, youth, employers, educators/parents. Additional site elements may include scholarship cues, facts about teen pregnancy and high school dropout rates along with application deadlines for financial aid and what teens think. Another section of the website will highlight the "Youth of the Month". Different newsletters will be showcased to include Employment Development Department's Youth Scene and Housing Authority's Newsletters.

**7. Chair Comments/Roundtable/Future Agenda Item:** The Chair thanked everyone for attending the meeting and gave special thanks to Dr. Mary Jane Hawkes and her staff for providing the Youth Council

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with a tour of the Challenger Learning Center. The Chair circulated a get-well card for Ms. Martha Dueñas who is recovering from surgery.

**8. Date, Time and Location of Next Youth Council Meeting:** May 14, 2008, 4:00 p.m., Merced County Office of Education, J-2, 632 W. 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Merced.

**9. Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.