

TO: Youth Council

Date: April 12, 2002

FROM: Executive Committee

For Action
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 Meeting Notes

SUBJECT: Transfer Funds to PITD Administrative Support

PROPOSED MOTION: That the Youth Council authorize the transfer of Youth funds to the PITD administrative account to cover the costs of an instructor at Juvenile Hall.

DISCUSSION: The youth at Merced County's Juvenile Hall presently have a night recreation group from 7-9 p.m. each night. At this time there are 2 groups involved, with up to 25 in each group. The recreation program is being modified to better suit the needs of the Hall population.

Additionally, the County is in the process of building a new facility to house 120 young people. Half of the complex will be for long-term commitments for 3 to 6 months at a time. The others will be there waiting to go through the court process. There will be a full-time school with 8 classrooms through Valley High School.

A Juvenile Hall Committee was formed about a year ago to look at services that need to be provided for these youth. The committee is comprised of County department heads and people in the community who will have contact with minors in the Hall. They have identified many needs to include education, personal growth, drug and alcohol problems, and unpreparedness for the workforce.

In an attempt to provide some of the above services, Ms. Lyalla Dias, a PITD employee, has agreed to work with Ms. Tina Anderson, Merced County Probation Department, to create a weekly program. The curriculum is tentatively set to cover personal growth, Morals-Ethics and Values, Barriers, and a Personal Action Plan. Ms. Dias will work for 2 hours per week, every week, and will be compensated with comp time off. Total computed cost for one year is \$3,840. These funds will be transferred from Youth Council funds to PITD administrative funds.

The program will continue when the new Juvenile Hall is opened.

ATTACHMENTS: N/A