

**Workforce Investment Board**  
**Youth Council Meeting**  
**UC Cooperative Extension, 2145 Wardrobe Avenue, Merced, CA**  
**April 13, 2001**  
**Meeting Minutes**

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<b>Members Present:</b>	Lorena Briano, Mary Cavazos, Evelyn Eagleton, Renisse Ferrario, Annette Garcia, Robert Harmon, Kathy Hassett, Mary Jane Hawkes, Jerry Johnson, Charlie Lambert, Noah Pou Lor, Richard Mahacek, Nellie McGarry (Chair), Marie Nelson, Jim Newberry, Suzanne Nunez, Jack Page, Mayra Ramirez, Cynthia Reponde, Ralph Vigil, Jean Weaver, Rev. Craig E. White
<b>Members Absent:</b>	Barbara Ayers, Bob Bittner, Laverne Brown, Suzannah Campbell, Claudia Corchado, Bill Davidson, Troy Fox, Robert Gilbert, Jr., Henry Idefonzo, Jeff Knapp, Steve Lundgren. Aaron Medel, Ismael Montoya, Obie O'Brien, Michael Parker, Mike Smith
<b>PITD Staff Present:</b>	Dave Davis, Marta Echevarria, Rebecca Lincoln, Ed McLaughlin, Debbie Morrow, Joanne Presnell, Dick Skarke
<b>Others Present:</b>	Michael Aguilar, Don Bergman, Christie Dewitt, Brad Eagleton, Elizabeth Estrada, Michele Fagundes, Joanne Grimes, Bless McCrary, Juan Martinez, Aaron Morris, Chris Nakamura-Swenson, Carole Roberds, Al Romero, Joaquin Sotelo, Armando Vasquez

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1. **Call to Order/Roll Call** – The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. and roll call was taken.
2. **Approval of Agenda** – On item 8, Ralph Vigil stated there would be two (2) letters that will be submitted to the full Workforce Investment Board (WIB) for approval and would need two (2) motions for approval by the Youth Council rather than just one. It was *M/S/C White/Lambert* to approve the agenda with the addition.
3. **Approval of February Minutes** – It was *M/S/C Hassett/Cavazos* to approve the minutes for February 9, 2001 due to their being unavailable for March's meeting.
4. **Approval of March Minutes** – It was *M/S/C Page/White* to approve March 16, 2001, minutes.
5. **Public Opportunity to Speak** – None
6. **Announcements** – None
7. **Chair Comments** –
  - a. The Youth Council presented Vice Chair Mayra Ramirez with a bouquet of roses. Mayra has been selected as one of 10 youth (ranging from 16 to 25 years old) who will be participating in a national youth forum in Washington, DC on April 28 – 29, 2001, to discuss institutional racism.

- b. The Chair invited everyone to attend the Merced County Community Forum on April 28, 2001. Many of the scheduled workshops include the Youth Council and youth activities.

## 8. Presentations –

- a. **Juan Martinez (Charter Schools)** – Mr. Martinez, Director of the Merced County Charter School in Winton, spoke to the Youth Council on the development of the Winton Charter School and the benefits of charter schools. He noted the current location has room for 60 students, but there are 107 registered participants. To accommodate students, the school is operating on 3 different time sessions and is open to all adults and out-of-school youth. Informational handouts on charter schools were provided to council members.
- b. **WIB Education and Employers Subcommittee (Youth Employability Certificate)** – Handouts of certificate samples and the *Madera Unified School District's Employability Card Marketing Program* leaflet were provided to council members. After discussion on the benefits and repercussions of an employability certificate, it was *M/S/C Vigil/Johnson* to support the Education and Employer's recommendation to develop a work group to include Youth Council members, employers and youth. This group will develop and implement or adopt a Youth Employability Certificate. Volunteers for the work group include Jack Page, Rennise Ferrario, Rev. Craig White, Jerry Johnson, Mary Cavazos, Cynthia Reponte, Noah Pou Lor, Mayra Ramirez and Bob Harmon.

## 9. Action Agenda –

- a. **Grant: School-to-Career** – Ralph Vigil spoke to the Youth Council regarding a grant that is needed for funds to help the Project Based Learning (PBL) program. Merced County Office of Education (MCOE) has applied for two (2) grants to be used to improve academic skills through contextual learning and to facilitate the integration of career development into student learning. It was *M/S/C Eagleton/Johnson (Abstain – Vigil)* to recommend a letter of support go to the WIB Chair that the WIB support the MCOE grant application for \$100,000 to provide supplemental funds to improve academic skills through contextual learning of Project Based Learning.

Furthermore, it was *M/S/C White/Lambert (Abstain – Vigil/Page)* to recommend a letter of support go to the WIB Chair that the WIB support the MCOE grant application for \$50,000 to provide supplemental funds to help integrate career development into student learning of Project Based Learning.

- b. **First Ever, First Annual Youth Leadership Conference** – Mayra Ramirez proposed the Merced Youth Council host a first annual youth leadership conference for youth throughout the state. After much discussion over liability and costs related to the conference, it was *M/S/C Newberry/Page* to sponsor the first Annual Statewide Youth Leadership Conference for youth on Youth Councils. Mayra stated the Youth Leadership meetings are open to everyone, especially youth, and invited council members to attend.
- c. **Logo Contest (Finalist Selection)** – Council members were asked to select their favorite Youth Council logo from the five finalists. Members decided to select two (2) - one will be used for marketing purposes, one will be on Youth Council letterhead,

memos and other documents. It was *M/S/C Page/White* to select a logo for Youth Council documents and a separate logo for marketing purposes.

## 9. Information Agenda -

- a. **Contract with HSA for Summer Youth Program** – Richard Mahacek stated a partnership between the Human Services Agency (HSA) and Private Industry Training Department (PITD) will provide a Summer Youth Program 2001. Temporary Aid to Needy Family (TANF) funds will be used for this program and is expected to provide summer employment services and work experience to more than 300 youth.
- b. **Resource Directory** – Mayra Ramirez stated PITD staff is currently working to develop the Youth Resource Directory. They are also looking into posting the directory on the internet as an informational web page to be used by youth or anyone interested in youth services, programs and agencies. A draft directory will be presented to the Youth Council at the May meeting.
- c. **Committee Reports** –
  1. **Planning and Quality Assurance** – Jerry Johnson, reported the committee has changed their name to the Planning and Quality Assurance Committee, and have revised their charter to suit the committee's goals.
  2. **Outreach and Education Committee** – Suzanne Nunez informed the Council they will be individually called by committee members for their information/input on youth programs and services available throughout Merced County.
  3. **Operations Committee** – Kathy Hassett reported on a recent slide presentation training regarding WIA requirements. Members are looking at the development of outcome measures.

**10. Next Meeting Date and Time** – The next Youth Council meeting is scheduled for 05/11/01, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., in the UC Cooperative Extension classroom (2145 Wardrobe Avenue, Merced).

Meeting was adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Marta Echevarria