

TO: Youth Council

DATE: 04/14/04

FROM: Youth Council Staff

For Action

For Information

For Discussion

SUBJECT: Out-of-School Program Quarterly Report

PROPOSED MOTION(S): Information Only

DISCUSSION: The Quarterly Report for the EMPOWER Program for January, February, and March 2004 is attached.

ATTACHMENT(S):

Letter, EMPOWER Quarterly Report, January–March 2004

To: **Dave Davis**
Youth Council Staff

From: **Rebecca Garcia**
EMPOWER Program, Advisor

Re: Quarterly Report, EMPOWER Program

Date: March 31, 2004

A. The Overall Status of Contract Program

The overall status of the contract program has improved during the last 3 months. We are working closely with the Advisors to ensure that the goals of the participants are being met. In addition, we are recruiting and enrolling new participants. We currently have 39 pending enrollments.

B. Past Quarter Highlights (Youth Developments)

EMPOWER Program Orientation-2/27/04 Merced
EMPOWER Program Workshop 1- 3/05/04 Merced
EMPOWER Program Orientation-3/19/04: Los Banos
EMPOWER Program Workshop 1- 3/26/04 Los Banos

C. Past Quarter Deficiencies

Early this year, we had a high rejection rate of paperwork, but it has decreased dramatically within the last two months.
We have had no participant referrals from Merced Lao Family since MCOE took over the contract.

D. Past quarters recruiting/marketing efforts

Recruiting efforts have been made in the last quarter and will be continuous throughout the life span of the contract.

E. Number enrolled and number of participants in each program component

Total number of active participant enrollments: 183
Total number of participants in follow-up: 127
Training-39
GED/HS Diploma-19
Work Experience- 12

F. Number of hard/soft exits

Out of School Youth Hard exits-9 Soft exits-none
Older Youth Hard exits-11 Soft exits-none

G. Next quarter challenges

Training of 1 full-time Advisor-May Vang

Training of 1 part-time Advisor- Carol Carlson

H. Technical Assistance Needed

We need to have someone create a database in order to better assist in storing information needed on a daily basis.

I. Number of clients receiving social services and examples of services received.

Although, we have not referred anyone over for social services, we had a representative from various agencies come and speak to our Advisors.

January 28, 2004 Danna Jensen from R.A.F.T

February 20, 2004 Judy Kennedy from Mental Health