

Workforce Investment Board of Merced County

Youth Council

UC Cooperative Extension

2145 West Wardrobe Avenue, Merced, CA

Wednesday, April 14, 2004, 4:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes



MERCED COUNTY YOUTH COUNCIL

Members Present: Ana Andrade, Bob Bittner, Stephanie Busbea, Mary Cavazos, Evelyn Eagleton, Rennise Ferrario, Alexander Hall, Kathy Hassett, Mary Jane Hawkes, Taide Hernandez (Vice Chair), Jerry Johnson, Charlie Lambert, Richard Mahacek, Nellie McGarry (Chair), Edgar Perez, Mayra Ramirez, Rev. Craig E. White, Sr.

Members Absent: Claudia Corchado, Ben Duran, Laura Gongora, Robert Harmon, Cecilia Jimenez, Rebecca Lincoln, Kristen Miller, Jim Newberry, Vann (Mike) Smith, Ralph Vigil

WI Staff Present: Dave Davis, Dee Knight, Joanne Presnell

Others Present: Nereida Lozano, CA Health Collaborative; Holly Newlon, MCOE

1. Call to Order/Roll Call: The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m., and roll call was taken.

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

3. Approve Minutes: It was *M/S/C Eagleton/Ramirez/White* to approve the February 11, 2004 minutes.

4. Public Opportunity to Speak: None.

5. Announcements:

a. On May 5, 2004, at the Boys and Girls Club, there will be a National Day to Prevent Teen Pregnancy, and the CA Health Collaborative is asking for donations to raffle off. The Children's Summit will be April 30th and May 1st, and it is open to the public. The Vice Chair had flyers for both events.

b. On April 30, 2004, from 5:00-11:00 p.m., at the Senior Citizen's Center, the Friends of Merced is having an Open House with entertainment and refreshments.

c. This month the Merced Soroptimist is giving out \$7,000 in scholarships to students at Merced College who are interested in entering the healthcare profession. They are also having a fund-raiser at the Riggs' residence, and tickets can be purchased from Ms. Evelyn Eagleton for \$25.

d. Volunteers are needed for the Children's Summit on April 30th and May 1st. They have facilitators, but scribes are needed. Contact Ms. Mayra Ramirez or Ms. Becky Lincoln.

e. Judges are needed for the 4-H Regional Presentation Day on Saturday, April 17, 2004, 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m., at Mariposa High School. Contact Mr. Richard Mahacek.

f. On May 21, 2004, Central Valley Opportunity Center is having its Annual Scholarship Banquet at the Doubletree in Modesto. Call CVOC, 357-0062, to purchase tickets, which are \$40.

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6. Action Agenda:

a. Youth Council Membership – Natalie Culver: Ms. Culver is the Director of the Independent Living Program at Merced College and past Chair of the Independent Living Program Advisory Board in Salinas, CA. It was *M/S/C Hall/Eagleton/Ramirez* that Ms. Culver's application be accepted and presented to the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) for approval.

7. Information/Discussion Agenda:

a. Update on Youth Programs Request for Proposal: Staff gave an update on the nomination process and the 3 bids received—1) MC Office of Education for the Younger Youth Program, 2) MC Office of Education for the Out-of-School Program, and 3) Central Valley Opportunity Center for the Out-of-School Program. The Chair read the "Notice of Intent to Award" letter, which was received this date. MC Office of Education is recommended as the provider for both the Younger Youth and Out-of-School Programs. This recommendation will go to the WIB Executive Committee on April 26, 2004, with a request for approval from the Board of Supervisors.

The Chair asked that staff provide a summary of the Nominating Committee's process at the next meeting and for the next WIB meeting. The Nominating Committee was Taide Hernandez, Rennise Ferrario, Kathy Hassett and Becky Lincoln.

b. Out-of-School Youth Program Quarterly Update: Ms. Holly Newlon gave an update of the EMPOWER Program and its processes. Youth Council members were invited to attend the Orientation Workshops. The next one is April 15, 2004, 9:00-11:00 a.m., at MCOE. Ms. Newlon also offered to arrange a tour of the facilities for Youth Council members.

c. Younger Youth Program Quarterly Update: The report was reviewed and accepted without comment.

8. Chair Comments: The Chair asked members their views in reverting to monthly meetings versus bimonthly. It was *M/S/C Hassett/Hall* to meet monthly starting May 12, 2004.

The Chair asked that members think about having a Retreat in June to revisit the goals and decide on the next course of action. On May 20, 2004, she has a State Youth Council meeting, which will give her an idea of what changes will be made to Youth Programs at the state level.

The Chair attended the National Association of Workforce Boards meeting last month and noted there were several programs introduced that could be duplicated in Merced County—1) Drug Court Program that works with juvenile justice kids, and 2) A program that has a recognized national credential for those kids who desire a career in retail sales. She also noted there was a Youth Directory presented at the meeting that listed all the necessary law enforcement contacts, and it was published and supported by the Police Department. The Chair will have these items at next month's meeting for members to review. Ms. Eagleton noted that Merced County already has a strong program in retail sales for kids and adults.

It was recommended to have a presentation at the monthly meeting from the various programs; i.e., Marketing Program, established for youth to assess how the Youth Council could help enhance these programs.

Ms. Newlon was also asked to have a case manager make a presentation on their actual caseload and the processes.

9. Other Comments: Ms. Eagleton noted the Merced County superintendents have formed a P-16 Council, and recommended that someone from the Youth Council attend as a representative.

Rev. White asked Ms. Newlon to compile a list of youth offenders, in school and out of school, who are addicted to drug and alcohol.

10. Date, Time and Location of Next Youth Council Meeting: Next meeting is May 12, 2004, 4:00 p.m, at Merced County Office of Education Clark Room.

11. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Devilla D. Knight