

Workforce Investment Board of Merced County Youth Council

Department of Workforce Investment
1880 W. Wardrobe Avenue, Merced, CA
Wednesday, May 9, 2007 – 4:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes



<http://web.co.merced.ca.us/wi/youth/meetingpkts/meetingpkts.html>

Members Present: Bob Bittner, Adam Cox, Martha Dueñas, Rennise Ferrario (Chair), Alexander Hall, Kathy Hassett, Mary Jane Hawkes, Rebecca Lincoln, Wendy Lomeli, Sheena Murry, Holly Newlon, Rick Osorio, Vann (Mike) Smith, Nathan Timmerman, Mayra Vega-Ramirez (Vice- Chair)

Members Absent: Stephanie Busbea, Natalie Culver-Dockins, Ben Duran, Taide Hernandez, Richard Mahacek, Isabel Nash, Edgar Perez, Nancy A. Silva, Deloris Sharp, Nancy Vega-Mendoza

Others Present: Laura A. Artimisi, Dave Davis, Patricia Hinson, Stephani Martinez, Alfredo Mendoza, Mae Pierini

- 1. Call to Order/Roll Call:** The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. Roll call was taken.
- 2. Approve Agenda:** It was *M/S/C Hassett/Newlon* to approve the agenda with an added informational item, Youth Council Resource Directory, and add Announcements.
- 3. Approve Minutes:** It was *M/S/C Bittner/Lomeli* to approve the April 11, 2007 minutes.
- 4. Public Opportunity to Speak:** Ms. Kathy Hassett introduced Ms. Laura Artimisi as the Program Manager for Child Welfare at Merced County Human Services Agency.
- 5. Announcements:** Ms. Rebecca Lincoln noted Central Valley Opportunity Center is holding its Annual Scholarship Banquet fundraiser dinner, May 11, 2007. Tickets are \$50.00.

Ms. Hassett noted Human Service Agency Drug and Alcohol division had its Youth-to-Youth Prevention field day at Cruickshank Middle School. This was a two-day event targeting all junior high school students. It was a success.

Mr. Rick Osorio noted he took 35 high school students from Golden Valley High School to Sacramento on a community day. The students were able to tour the state capital. Youth learned about government.

6. Presentations:

a. Rick Osorio Appreciation Certificate: Ms. Rennise Ferrario presented a certificate to Mr. Rick Osorio for his service as the former Youth Chair.

b. ROP Health Industry Day Video: Ms. Mae Pierini presented a video from the March 1st Health Industry Day held at Merced Fairgrounds. This event was organized by Merced County Office of Education. Over 150 students attended the event throughout Merced County. Some of the activities available for the students included booths with different information about healthcare. Students were able to visit different hospitals and agencies, and get hands-on knowledge of health-related occupations.

7. Action Agenda:

a. YOP Contract Renewal: It was *M/S/C Hall/Smith* (abstain: Bittner, Dueñas, Lincoln, Lomeli, Newlon, Vega-Ramirez) to recommend the renewal of the Youth Opportunity Program (YOP)

contract.

b. Empower Out-of-School Contract Renewal: It was M/S/C Hall/Hawkes (abstain: Bittner, Dueñas, Lincoln, Lomeli, Newlon, Vega-Ramirez) to recommend the renewal of the Empower Out-of-School contract.

8. Information Agenda:

- a. Youth Opportunity Program Quarterly Report:** Handouts were provided at the meeting.
- b. Empower Quarterly Report:** Handouts were provided at the meeting.
- c. YOP/Empower Internal Monitoring Reports:** Staff provided copies of all five monitored subcontractor reports.
- d. Youth Council Resource Directory:** A subcommittee was formed to review and to decide what action to take regarding the Youth Council Resource Directory. The following members are part of the committee: Becky Lincoln (Chair), Richard Mahacek, Alfredo Mendoza, Mayra Vega-Ramirez, Stepfani Martinez, Bob Bittner, Mary Jane Hawkes, Wendy Lomeli.

9. Chair Comments/Roundtable/Future Agenda Items: Ms. Ferrario thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Agenda item for next meeting: Ms. Laura Artimisi from Human Service Agency will provide a brief presentation regarding Child Welfare Services.

10. Date, Time and Location of Next Youth Council Meeting: Next meeting is June 13, 2007, 4:00 p.m, MCOE, Newbold Room, 632 W. 13th Street, Merced.

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

Minutes prepared by Patricia C. Hinson.