

## Workforce Investment Board of Merced County

# Youth Council

UC Cooperative Extension

2145 West Wardrobe Avenue, Merced

Friday, May 10, 2002, 9:00 a.m.

## Meeting Minutes



MERCED COUNTY YOUTH COUNCIL

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**Members Present:** Micki Archuleta, Mary Cavazos, Claudia Corchado, Chuck Dean, Evelyn Eagleton, Rennise Ferrario, Laura Gongora, Robert Harmon, Cecilia Jimenez, Jerry Johnson, Cynthia Kelly-Reponte, Rebecca Lincoln, Noah P. Lor, Richard Mahacek, Nellie McGarry (Chair), Jim Newberry, Jack Page, Mike Smith, Ralph Vigil, Jean Weaver, Rev. Craig E. White, Sr.

**Members Absent:** Barbara Ayers, Bob Bittner, Lorena Briano, Suzannah Campbell, Daryl Dupree, Robert Fore, Troy Fox, Robert Gilbert Jr., Kathy Hassett, Mary Jane Hawkes, Henry Ildefonso, Jeff Knapp, Charlie Lambert, Steve Lundgren, Marie Nelson, Suzanne Nuñez, Michael Parker, Mayra Ramirez (Vice-Chair)

**PITD Staff Present:** Dave Davis, Gary Derr, Dee Knight, Ed McLaughlin, Carlton Purcell Jr

**Others Present:** Celeste Ramos

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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:** It was *M/S/C Dean/Page* to approve the agenda as published.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** It was *M/S/C Dean/Page* to approve the April 12, 2002 minutes.
4. **Public Opportunity to Speak:** None.
5. **Announcements:**
  - a. The Chair noted that Mr. Aaron "Jack" Page was retiring from Merced College, and this would be his last Youth Council meeting. She thanked him for his support and participation on the Council, and hoped he would recommend a replacement.
  - b. The Chair also noted that Mr. Jeff Knapp would be leaving the Workforce Investment Board and Youth Council because his business has increased.
  - c. Mr. Chuck Dean thanked everyone who came to JCG's Open House yesterday, May 9, 2002. Also the JCG program competed statewide in Sacramento on April 26, 2002. Merced County received 10 of the 12 awards that were given.
  - d. Ms Evelyn Eagleton announced ROP had published its first newsletter, and passed out copies.
  - e. The Chair announced that 15% of the Governor's Discretionary Dollars were awarded to MCOE (\$625,000) and Merced Community Action Agency (\$360,000).

- f. Ms. Jean Weaver announced that the Annual Soroptimist Festival is June 7, 2002, and the monies raised will go towards scholarships.
- g. Mr. Ralph Vigil noted that the Jack Weaver Car Show on April 20, 2002, and the Youth Expo 2002 on April 27, 2002 were both very successful.
- h. The Chair attended the Great Valley Center Conference in Sacramento, and they added several topics on youth development. She will give a more thorough report at the next meeting, and is hoping the Youth Council will model some of the projects presented.

**6. Consent Agenda:**

- a. **Funds Request – \$1,344 (DECA “What’s Up in Merced?”):** It was *M/S/C Smith/Dean* to approve the Request for Funds from DECA.

**7. Action Agenda:**

- a. **Application for Membership – Miss Yer Xiong:** It was *M/S/C Dean/Corchado* to approve the application.
- b. **Application for Membership – Mr. Alexander Hall:** It was *M/S/C Eagleton/Gongora* to approve the application.
- c. **Ratification of MCOE Younger Youth Contract Amendment:** It was *M/S/C Page/Gongora (abstain Dean/Eagleton/Newberry/Vigil)* to approve ratification of the MCOE contract.
- d. **Ratification of JCG Out-of-School Youth Contract:** It was *M/S/C Archuleta/White (abstain Dean/Eagleton/Page/Cavazos/Gongora/Newberry/Vigil)* to approve ratification of the JCG Out-of-School contract.
- e. **Youth-to-Youth 2003 Conference:** Ms. Becky Lincoln voiced the comments made by WIB Consultant Ms. Lori Strumpf at the Youth Conference Outbrief, who recommends having another conference in 2003. The Chair noted she hoped the Youth Conference message would be presented to the State Youth Council in August. The following suggestions developed out of discussion:

- 1) Have the State hold the conference,
- 2) Ask the State to subsidize the conference,
- 3) Have the conference for Merced County youth only to develop their career/leadership abilities, or
- 4) Have a collaborative effort with the Youth Expo.

It was *M/S/C Archuleta/Corchado* to table this item for further research on funding.

**8. Information Agenda:**

- a. **Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month:** Ms. Claudia Corchado gave an overview of Merced County’s Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month program, and presented a video that will be

used during the campaign. She has copies of videos available for those who are also interested in promoting the campaign.

- b. MCOE Contract Quarterly Report:** Staff noted the format presented is now in both contracts, and the Council will be receiving a report quarterly. It's a detailed report noting what's going on in the program.
- c. General Accounting Office Report:** Staff noted this is a report on the progress of Youth Councils, and a copy will be presented at the next meeting. Staff said Merced County has the largest Youth Council; all other councils average 20-25 persons.

**9. Committee Chair Reports:**

- a. Leadership/Marketing:** No meeting due to lack of a quorum.
- b. Operations:** The committee had an unofficial meeting due to lack of a quorum, and discussed the DECA Funds Request, MCOE Quarterly Report, Funds Transfer Request for Juvenile Hall—staff is awaiting information on the curriculum, and the Youth Council 2001/2002 Budget and Expenditures—discussed the transition of funds from ARBOR to JCG, and minimizing carryover to use funds for the youth programs.
- c. Planning and Quality Assurance:** Committee is in the process of meeting with City Council on May 21, 2002 to present the Asset Mapping and Gap Analysis report. They are looking at their Workplan goals to see what items to work on for the next year.
- d. Outreach and Education:** No meeting due to lack of a quorum.

**10. Chair Comments:** None.

**11. Date, Time and Location of Next Youth Council Meeting** – Next Youth Council meeting is June 14, 2002, in the UC Cooperative Extension Classroom (2145 W. Wardrobe Avenue, Merced), from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

**12. Adjournment** – It was *M/S/C Dean/White* to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Devilla D. Knight