

Workforce Investment Board
Youth Council Meeting
UC Cooperative Extension, 2145 Wardrobe Avenue, Merced, CA
May 11, 2001
Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Bob Bittner, Lorena Briano, Renisse Ferrario, Annette Garcia, Robert Harmon, Kathy Hassett, Jerry Johnson, Charlie Lambert, Noah Pou Lor, Richard Mahacek, Nellie McGarry (Chair), Ismael Montoya, Suzanne Nunez, Mayra Ramirez, Cynthia Kelly-Reponte, Mike Smith, Ralph Vigil, Jean Weaver, Rev. Craig E. White

Members Absent: Barbara Ayers, Laverne Brown, Suzannah Campbell, Mary Cavazos, Claudia Corchado, Bill Davidson, Evelyn Eagleton, Troy Fox, Robert Gilbert, Jr., Mary Jane Hawkes, Henry Ildefonso, Jeff Knapp, Steve Lundgren, Marie Nelson, Jim Newberry, Obie O'Brien, Jack Page, Michael Parker

PITD Staff Present: Andrea Baker, Dave Davis, Marta Echevarria, Ed McLaughlin, Dick Skarke

Others Present: Daryl Dupree, Rebecca Lincoln

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call** – The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m. and roll call was taken.
2. **Approval of Agenda** – It was *M/S/C Vigil/Johnson* to approve the agenda as published.
3. **Approval of April Minutes** – There was an error on item 9a. Nellie McGarry (not Richard Mahacek) spoke about the Summer Youth Program 2001. It was *M/S/C Mahacek/Montoya* to approve the minutes with the correction.
4. **Public Opportunity to Speak** – None
5. **Announcements:**
 - a. Tickets to the Annual Hors D'oeuvres Festival on June 8, 2001, are being sold for \$20.00. These funds benefit many organizations including the Boys and Girls Club and A Woman's Place. Contact Jean Weaver at 725-8668, for tickets or more information.
 - b. Tickets to the Central Valley Occupational Center (CVOC) Awards Banquet on May 18, 2001, are being sold for \$35.00. The social event will be taking place at the Double Tree in Stanislaus. Contact Annette Garcia at 383-2415, for more information.
 - c. Ralph Vigil extended his appreciation to the Youth Council. Two (2) grants were submitted and are expected to develop around June. The grants were approved at the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) Executive Committee meeting on May 9, 2001, and will be advocated at the next WIB meeting.
 - d. There are two (2) summer camp sessions available for 4th through 8th graders at the end of June. The Merced 4H is looking for camp volunteers. Cost is \$95.00 per student

(non-4H member) for 5 days and 4 nights. Contact Richard Mahacek at 385-7418 for more information.

- e. The Planning and Quality Assurance Committee is in the process of creating a Request for Proposal (RFP) for resource mapping and gap analysis of youth oriented service providers, agencies and individuals. The committee distributed a worksheet to all Youth Council and WIB members to solicit names of youth service agencies/providers in Merced County. This form will assist in the committee's processing of an RFP and will provide names of agencies/providers that may be overlooked during the study.
- f. Mayra Ramirez reported on her recent trip to Washington, DC, April 28 & 29, 2001. A roundtable of 14 youth from the United States was created to form the National Youth Advisory Council. Everyone on the youth team became part of an editing team that will speak out against racism and diversity issues through an internet site and a magazine (*Voices of Diversity*), created during this conference, targeting youth, education and businesses. The first edition is due out on September 14, 2001, and will be available at a future Youth Council meeting. The group hopes this will be a continuing committee, and plan to meet again in July pending the outcome of a funding grant from the National Youth Coalition. Visit the website: <http://www.nyec.org/voicesofdiversity/> for more information regarding the conference. Opinions and ideas are welcome for the magazine and web site. Contact Mayra Ramirez, at 385-3000, ext. 5844, or e-mail: voicesofdiversity@nyec.org for more information.

6. Presentations:

- a. **Presentation of Youth Council Logo Contest Winners** – Mayra Ramirez presented first place winner, Ricardo Cervantes, with a \$50 Merced Mall gift certificate and a \$100 savings bond. Second place winner, Francisco Gutierrez, was presented with a \$25.00 Merced Mall gift certificate.

7. Action Agenda:

- a. **RFP for Asset Mapping and Gap Analysis** – It was *M/S/C White/Vigil* that the Planning and Quality Assurance Committee develop a work statement for an RFP for asset mapping and gap analysis, and recommend the WIB approve the issuance of the RFP.
- b. **Requested Change of Youth Council Meeting Time** – A survey worksheet was provided to council members asking for a time and date preference of future Youth Council meetings. This item was tabled for the next Youth Council meeting pending the survey results.
- c. **Youth Council Executive Committee** – It was *M/S/C Harmon/White* to approve the formation of an Executive Committee for the Youth Council with subject to approval of the recommended duties.
- d. **Acceptance of WIB Bylaws/Set up Youth Council Norms** – It was *M/S/C Lor/Mahacek* to review WIB Bylaws and assign the Youth Council Operations Committee to develop Council norms to be presented to the Youth Council for ratification.

- e. **Rebecca Lincoln (Nomination to the Youth Council)** – It was *M/S/C Vigil/Nunez* to accept the application for Youth Council membership from Rebecca Lincoln and forward it to the WIB for approval.

8. Information Agenda:

- a. **First Annual Conference for Youth on Youth Councils** – The youth conference was tentatively moved to April/May '2001. The Education and Outreach Committee has decided to take on the task of formulating the conference.
- b. **Review of WIA Youth Eligibility Criteria** – Although Workforce Investment Act (WIA) law states that youth must have one or more of six WIA specified barriers, it was reiterated and reviewed the Youth Council contracts state that youth must have two of the six barriers in order to be eligible for WIA services.

9. Committee Chair Reports:

- a. **Operations Committee** – Contract monitors have been invited to the next committee meeting. The committee is currently focusing on developing Council norms.
- b. **Marketing Committee** – The Committee has not been able to approve agenda/minutes due to lack of a quorum. They are currently working on creating and categorizing the resource directory and hope to have it completed by the beginning of the school year.
- c. **Leadership Committee** – Youth attending the meeting discussed challenges affecting youth. This input will be used to develop a leadership message for youth.
- d. **Planning and Quality Assurance Committee** – Ismael Montoya is the new Vice-Chair of the committee. They are currently working on an RFP for resource mapping and gap analysis. They will be looking at utilizing various survey tools.
- e. **Outreach and Education Committee** – At the Executive Committee meeting on 05/01/01, the Outreach and Education Committee discovered other committees are currently working on two of their goals. They will delegate those tasks to these committees, and will be working on the youth conference.

10. Chair's Comments – The Chair noted it would be good for the Youth Council to meet with the Board of Supervisors and school boards to demonstrate the council is viable in the community and solicit their suggestions on how they can support the Youth Council. It was suggested to add the Youth Council on the agenda for the scheduled opening of the Merced Boys and Girls Club.

11. Other Business – None

12 Next Meeting Date and Time – The next Youth Council meeting is 06/08/01, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., in the UC Cooperative Extension classroom (2145 Wardrobe Avenue, Merced).

13. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Marta Echevarria