

Workforce Investment Board of Merced County
Youth Council

Merced County Office of Education – Clark Room
632 W. 13th Street, Merced, CA
Wednesday, May 11, 2005 – 4:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

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



Members Present: Stephanie Busbea, Mary Cavazos, Natalie Culver, Ben Duran, Evelyn Eagleton, Alexander Hall, Robert Harmon, Kathy Hassett, Mary Jane Hawkes, Taide Hernandez (Vice Chair), Rebecca Lincoln, Richard Mahacek, Mayra Ramirez, Vann (Mike) Smith, Nathan Timmerman, Rev. Craig E. White, Sr

Members Absent: Bob Bittner, Claudia Corchado, Rennise Ferrario, Charlie Lambert, Rick Osorio (Chair), Edgar Perez

Others Present: Yadira Aguilar, CA Health Collaborative; Dave Davis, Dee Knight, Holly Newlon

1. Call to Order/Roll Call: The Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m., and roll call was taken.

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

3. Approve Minutes: It was *M/S/C Duran/Ramirez* to approve the April 13, 2005 minutes.

4. Public Opportunity to Speak: Ms. Yadira Aguilar, California Health Collaborative, noted they would be having Teen Pregnancy Prevention Day 2005 on Friday, May 27, 2005, 4-7 p.m., at McComb's Youth Center (Boys & Girls Club), 615 W. 15th Street, Merced. This event is free. The month of May is Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month.

5. Announcements:

a. Ms. Kathy Hassett noted that she and several others received the Legislative Alert, and she faxed a message to our senator for the WIA Reauthorization, which has been delayed until May 18, 2005.

b. On Sunday, May 15, 2005, 12:00-5:00 p.m., the North Merced Kiwanis Club is having its annual "Chicken-to-Go" fundraiser at the Courthouse Park for a donation of \$7.00. These funds are given back to the community by supporting the various youth groups.

6. Information Agenda:

a. **Operational Agreements:** Staff provided for review Operational Agreements between the Workforce Investment Board, the Youth Council and the Human Services Agency. The Agreement is for HSA to provide maximum assistance to child victims of abuse and neglect, and limited services to the non-offending parent if the referral involves domestic violence. The program is referred to as Child Abuse Treatment (CHAT).

It was *M/S/C Eagleton/Hall* to accept the Youth Council Operational Agreement with HSA.

7. Information Agenda:

a. **Younger Youth Program Quarterly Report:** Staff noted the program is on target. The report was also e-mailed to the Contract Oversight Committee, and no feedback was received. Plans

are being developed for Program Year 2005/06. Ms. Holly Newlon noted that even though the exact funding is unknown, MCOE will use a ratio of 60/40 (Younger Youth/Older Youth) instead of the 70/30 split. MCOE is serving 544 younger youth, 191 will graduate, which leaves 353 in the program but not all of these will be given the paid work experience opportunity because of the budget cuts. New enrollments will depend on what funding is received.

b. Out-of-School Youth Program Quarterly Report: Ms. Newlon noted MCOE is currently serving 282. They project serving 200 in Program Year 2005/06. Again, not all will have the opportunity for the paid work experience. They plan to provide services that will hopefully lead to unsubsidized employment for some of the participants. New enrollments will be accepted only as those already in the program exit it.

MCOE has had significant staff reductions in both programs, and a reduction in the number of days that staff work. The majority of the line items is very minimal, but the carryover will help rebuild some of these items. All participants will continue to receive services at the same level. MCOE has applied for grants to help alleviate some of the budget cut.

8. WIA Youth Programs for PY 2005/06 Presentation: Information provided above.

9. Chair Comments/Roundtable/Future Agenda Items: Staff noted possibly the Dept of WI monitor's report for both youth programs would be completed and presented at the June 8th meeting. Mental Health will be contacted to give a presentation. Staff will also seek out a youth from one of the programs to give a testimony.

10. Date, Time and Location of Next Youth Council Meeting: Next meeting is June 8, 2005, 4:00 p.m, at Merced County Office of Education – Newbold Room, 632 W. 13th Street, Merced.

11. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Devilla D. Knight