

**Workforce Investment Board of Merced County
Youth Council**

**Merced County Office of Education, Room “M”
632 West 13th Street, Merced, CA
Wednesday, May 12, 2004 – 4:00 p.m.**



Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Approve Agenda
3. Approve Minutes (April 14, 2004)
4. Public Opportunity to Speak
5. Announcements
6. Action Agenda
- a. P-16 Council Member
7. Information/Discussion Agenda
- a. Youth Council Vision, Role, Mission Statement, Goals
- b. YOP and Empower—Who Are We Serving?
- c. Congressman Cardoza’s Foster Care Visit
8. Presentation Debbie Perez, Case Manager, Westside Empower
9. Chair Comments/Roundtable/Future Agenda Items
10. Date/Time and Location of Next Meeting – June 9, 2004, 4:00 p.m., MCOE
11. Adjourn

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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.

"Today's Youth ... Tomorrow's Leaders"

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

TO: Youth Council

DATE: 05/12/2004

FROM: Youth Council Staff

For Action

For Information

For Discussion

SUBJECT: P-16 Council Member

PROPOSED MOTION(S): That the Youth Council select a member to monitor and/or be a member of the P-16 Council, and report periodically to the Youth Council on the P-16 Council's progress.

DISCUSSION: The P-16 Council was created as a result of the Merced County Economic Development Strategic Plan. The plan was accepted by the Workforce Investment Board on March 27, 2004. The P-16 Council is presently addressing educational issues in Merced County.

The Merced County Economic Development Strategic Plan has the following goal concerning youth and education:

- Partner with schools to place a high priority on preparing students for educational and job achievement—science, math, technology, critical thinking, teamwork as well as learning the relevancy between school achievement and future opportunities.

The Strategic Plan also recommended the following initiatives:

- Create a Collaborative Partner Network— education, workforce, economic development, cities and county working together to leverage resources, achieve efficiencies, focus services, implement the strategic plan and accomplish common goals.
- Create an Education Achievement Agenda—change the education paradigm in Merced County.

The Strategic Plan also listed Merced County Education Strengths and Weaknesses:

- Strength—Merced College offers applied technology programs for youth and adult.
- Strength—Merced County schools are increasing their application of technology in schools.
- Strength—Schoolteachers and administrators are experienced and qualified.
- Weakness—K-12 students do not score well on standardized tests, and high school graduation rates are generally below the state average.
- Weakness—Youth are not learning the skills needed to get and keep a good job (soft and hard skills).
- There isn't a strong collaboration between employers and schools and colleges to provide opportunities for technical training and skill building of youth and adults.

TO: Youth Council

DATE: 05/12/2004

FROM: Youth Council Staff

For Action

For Information

For Discussion

SUBJECT: Youth Council Vision, Role, Mission Statement and Goals

PROPOSED MOTION(S): Information Only

DISCUSSION:

Vision

- **Today's youth ...Tomorrow's leaders**

Role

- **Strategically link/connect all youth delivery systems in a way that promotes a countywide vision of successful youth.**

Mission Statement

- **Fund programs and foster collaboration to instill in our youth the knowledge, skills, and attitudes to succeed in their education and career.**

Goals

- **Lead the effort to connect all youth strategies within the community**
- **Advocate and communicate the use of youth development**
- **Develop and implement an outreach program for youth to increase their knowledge of programs available to youth**
- **Oversee and foster all WIA youth programs to assure goals, objectives and timelines are being met.**

WIB Goal

- **Influence the K-12 education system to design and implement strategies that provide students knowledge of employee skills and attitudes and develop metrics to assure success.**

ATTACHMENT(S): Functions

Functions of the Youth Council

On May 14, 2003, the Youth Council formally dissolved its subcommittees. The following “functions” were previously performed by the individual subcommittees. These functions are now the responsibility of the entire Youth Council.

- 1. Develop and deliver the marketing message of the Youth Council.**
- 2. Create linkages with youth programs, business, education and local communities to foster awareness of the Youth Council and its goals.**
- 3. Promote the development of youth leadership within the community and the Youth Council.**
- 4. Promote awareness in all youth programs of the value of a youth development approach in the education and upbringing of youth.**
- 5. Identify youth programs within the County to promote and support.**
- 6. Provide oversight to all Workforce Investment Act functions that the Youth Council is responsible for. This includes Requests for Proposals; creating the mechanisms, policies and procedures to keep service providers accountable; developing competitive grant funding; investigating how money is spent in relationship to results produced.**
- 7. Oversee all operational issues as the Council embraces “All Youth One System”.**
- 8. Review customer satisfaction input and use it for continuous improvement of youth programs and services.**
- 9. Research and evaluate the best practices and current indicators for success.**

TO: Youth Council

DATE: 05/12/2004

FROM: YOP & Empower

For Action

For Information

For Discussion

SUBJECT: YOP & Empower–Who Are We Serving?

PROPOSED MOTION(S): Information Only (Report Period 7/2003–3/2004)

DISCUSSION:	YOP	Empower
Disabled	143	30
Limited English Proficient	90	43
Single Parent	19	7
Offender	54	23
Homeless	4	1
Runaway Youth	6	3
Pregnant/Parenting Youth	36	15
Substance Abuse	24	12
Foster Youth	25	13
Basic Literacy Skills Deficient	732	262
Youth Requiring Additional Assistance	756	276

ATTACHMENT(S): N/A

TO: Youth Council

DATE: 05/12/2004

FROM: WIB Staff

For Action

For Information

For Discussion

SUBJECT: Congressman Cardoza's Foster Care Visit

PROPOSED MOTION(S): Information Only

DISCUSSION: Congressman Cardoza visited Valley Community School earlier this school year and met with a small group of foster youth. After the meeting, he invited Jill Macha, the Principal of Valley Community School, and four foster youth to Washington DC to personally witness his address to the House of Representatives regarding foster youth issues. The youth were also given VIP tours. Of the youth who attended, two of the four were WIA youth, one from each of the youth programs.

Congressman Cardoza's address to the House was taped by CSPAN. It will be presented at the Youth Council meeting.

ATTACHMENT(S): N/A