

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

**Merced County Office of Education – Building “M”
632 West 13th Street, Merced, CA
Wednesday, June 9, 2004 – 4:00 p.m.
Meeting Agenda**



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1. Call to Order and Roll Call
 2. Approve Agenda
 3. Approve Minutes (May 12, 2004)
 4. Public Opportunity to Speak
 5. Announcements
 6. Information/Discussion Agenda
 - a. Youth Council – An Historical Look
 7. Action Agenda
 - a. Youth Council Vision, Role, Mission Statement and Goals
 - b. Youth Programs – Eligibility for Services/A Percentage Analysis
 8. Chair Comments/Roundtable/Future Agenda Items
 9. Date/Time and Location of Next Meeting – June 9, 2004, 4:00 p.m., MCOE.....
 10. Adjourn

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Wednesday, May 12, 2004, 4:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes



MERCED COUNTY YOUTH COUNCIL

Members Present: Ana Andrade, Stephanie Busbea, Evelyn Eagleton, Alexander Hall, Mary Jane Hawkes, Taide Hernandez (Vice Chair), Jerry Johnson, Charlie Lambert, Rebecca Lincoln, Richard Mahacek, Jim Newberry, Edgar Perez, Mayra Ramirez, Vann (Mike) Smith, Ralph Vigil

Members Absent: Bob Bittner, Mary Cavazos, Claudia Corchado, Ben Duran, Rennise Ferrario, Laura Gongora, Robert Harmon, Kathy Hassett, Nellie McGarry (Chair), Kristen Miller, Rev. Craig E. White, Sr.

WI Staff Present: Dave Davis, Dee Knight

Others Present: Holly Newlon, MCOE; Debbie Perez, Case Manager Westside Empower

1. Call to Order/Roll Call: The Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m., and roll call was taken.

2. Approve Agenda: It was *M/S/C Lambert/Eagleton/Hall* to approve the agenda, with the addition of having a youth present his "success" story.

3. Approve Minutes: It was *M/S/C Eagleton/Lambert* to approve the April 14, 2004 minutes.

4. Public Opportunity to Speak:

a. Ms. Becky Lincoln thanked everyone who participated in the Children's Summit. It was a very productive Summit—approximately 200 youth attended. The young people presented some great ideas. She will be providing the Council with updates as the plan is developed and action items are accomplished. They hope to have more participation next year. Staff noted the Youth Council was volunteered as an advocate to look at the "Continuing and Expanding Vocational Education" issue.

b. Mr. Jim Newberry noted he is working with a group that is in the process of developing a Special Education Program for local youth. The program will be located downtown in a multiplex that will house approximately 20 various businesses, a business incubator, and classrooms for older students with disabilities that will help these young people develop their skills in business enterprise, and hopefully for some of them to become independent owners.

5. Announcements:

a. Mr. Jerry Johnson announced this would be his last meeting, and invited everyone to his Retirement Party on June 11, 2004, from 4:00-9:00 p.m., at the Eagles Nest Restaurant. Since he is leaving, he would like a Council member to take over mentoring Kristen Miller and maintain contact with her. Ms. Lincoln volunteered to mentor Kristen Miller.

6. Action Agenda:

a. **P-16 Council Member:** The P-16 Council is a collaborative effort between Merced County Superintendents, business leaders and economic development to broaden the range of education in relation to economic development and workforce development activities in the County.

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

The P-16 Council meets once a month. They need someone who is in business and not education to sit on this Council. It was *M/S/C Eagleton/Hall* that Mr. Vann (Mike) Smith become a member of the P-16 Council.

7. Information/Discussion Agenda:

a. Youth Council Vision, Role, Mission Statement, Goals: Youth Council members were asked to review and familiarize themselves with the Council's Vision, Role, Mission and Goals to determine, possibly at the June or July meeting, the next steps of the Council.

b. YOP and Empower—Who Are We Serving?: Staff provided a definitive breakdown of the youth served in the YOP and Empower programs, and how many are in these programs. It was noted that the majority of the youth served are deficient in "Basic Literacy Skills", the "Pregnant/Parenting Youth" category is going down, and there are four "Homeless" kids in the Younger Youth Program.

c. Congressman Cardoza's Foster Care Visit: Congressman Cardoza visited the Valley Community School several months ago, and the visit caused him to become more involved with the state of our foster youth. Congressman Cardoza invited Principal Jill Macha to bring four foster youth to Washington, DC to attend his address to the House of Representatives regarding foster youth issues. A video of Congressman Cardoza's address was viewed by the Youth Council.

8. Presentation: Empower Case Manager Debbie Perez gave an update of the Westside program, which covers Los Banos, Dos Palos and Gustine. They have 29 participants who have exited, and 26 are working. She is currently serving 53 participants—7 are in GED preparation in the PLATO Lab, 4 are in GED preparation and working part-time, 1 completed GED and is working, 8 are in vocational education, 13 have completed vocational education and are working, 7 are in Job Readiness training, 9 are in Job Search, and 4 are actively working. The biggest challenge they face is providing transportation to Merced for the workshops. The Department is researching ways to provide the needed transportation.

9. Chair Comments: None.

10. Other Comments: Council members agreed to have the youth "success" presentation at next month's meeting if possible.

11. Date, Time and Location of Next Youth Council Meeting: Next meeting is June 9, 2004, 4:00 p.m, at Merced County Office of Education, Room "M".

12. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Devilla D. Knight

TO: Youth Council

DATE: 06/09/04

FROM: Youth Council Staff

For Action

For Information

For Discussion

SUBJECT: Youth Council – An Historical Look

PROPOSED MOTION(S): Information Only

DISCUSSION: With the creation of the P-16 Council, the advent of the Merced County Children's Summit, and the future reauthorization of the Workforce Investment Act, it is felt that the Youth Council needs to look back at where it has been and what it has done, to better prepare for what is to come.

ATTACHMENT(S):

- 1. Youth Council Members**
- 2. Participants, Costs and Accomplishments**

Youth Council Members September 2000 – Present

Barbara Ayers

Michael Parker

Chuck Dean

Bob Bittner

Nellie McGarry

Bob Fore

Obie O'Brien

Evelyn Eagleton

Cecilia Jimenez

Henry Ildefonza

Laverne Brown

Laura Gongora

Jean Weaver

Ismael Montoya

Alexander Hall

Kathy Hassett

Jerry Johnson

Yer Xiong

Mary Cavazos

Bob Harmon

Ana Andrade

Mary Jane Hawkes

Mike Smith

Ben Duran

Mayra Vega (Ramirez)

Aaron Mendel

Kristen Miller

Ralph Vigel

Jeff Knapp

Taide Hernandez

Rennise Ferrario

Natalie Mendoza

Edgar Perez

Troy Fox

Pedro Mendoza

Stephanie Busbea

Suzanne Nunez

Rosie Boudreau

Natalie Culver

Charlie Lambert

Annette Garcia

Jim Newberry

Claudia Corchado

Bill Davidson

Cynthia Reponte

Frank Pietro

Suzzanah Campbell

Bob Gilbert

Noah Pou Lor

Richard Mahacek

Rebecca Lincoln

Lorenna Brianno

Daryll Dupree

Jack Page

Micki Archuleta

Participants

Costs

Accomplishments

PY Enrollments

00/01	788
01/02	571
02/03	532
03/04	<u>353</u>
TOTAL	2,244

Goals Attained

PY	Basic Skills	Occupational Skills	Work Readiness Skills
00/01	1,076	447	511
01/02	596	500	269
02/03	590	446	195
03/04	<u>427</u>	<u>116</u>	<u>187</u>
TOTAL	2,689	1,509	1,162

Occupational Skills: Include the proficiency to perform actual tasks and technical functions required by occupational fields at entry, intermediate and advanced levels.

Work Readiness Skills: Include world of work awareness, labor market knowledge, occupational information, career planning, job search techniques and decision-making.

What did it all cost?

\$8,538,420 or \$3,805 per participant

Four (4) Request for Proposals

Older Youth - Chose Arbor, then cut their contract, then did not renew

Younger Youth – Selected MCOE, renewed contract twice

Out-of-School Youth – Selected JCG, corporation dissolved

Out-of-School/Younger Youth – MCOE selected to run both programs

Youth Council Committee Structure

Marketing

Program Design

Summer Youth

Youth Resource Directory Steering

Youth Development Model

Operations

Leadership

Outreach & Education

Standards & Certification

Planning & Quality Assurance

Executive

Leadership / Marketing

Business, Education & Community Partners

Marketing & Outreach

May 14, 2003 – All Youth Council Subcommittees were disbanded.

TO: Youth Council

DATE: 06/09/04

FROM: Youth Council Staff

For Action

For Information

For Discussion

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

PROPOSED MOTION(S): Review the Youth Council's Goals and affirm/modify or add goals as required.

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: 06/09/04

FROM: Youth Council Staff

For Action

For Information

For Discussion

SUBJECT: Youth Programs – Eligibility for Services/A Percentage Analysis

PROPOSED MOTION(S): That the Youth Council examine enrollment percentages in both youth programs and determine if sufficient youth are represented in selected enrollment categories; i.e., disabled, offenders, foster youth, substance abusers. If not, work with Merced County Office of Education (MCOE) to adjust the population percentages of new enrollees.

DISCUSSION: An examination of the proposed reauthorization of the Workforce Investment Act, along with a recognition of other pending legislation, both federal and state, combined with a rise in grant funding available, reveals that three of the groups of “eligible participants” have been identified by Dept of Labor and California as those who might require more focus. Those categories are foster youth, offenders and substance abusers, and those with disabilities. All are presently served in our youth programs.

Merced County statistics from 2002 reveal the following concerning the age groups 10-17:

1. There is 9.7% of the total youth who have been involved with committing both misdemeanor and felony offenses. This includes drug offenses. However, this includes all County youth, not just those who could be considered WIA eligible. Doubling the percentages from 9.7% to 19.4% seems to be a more credible figure.
2. A total of 368 youth are in the foster care system. Of those, 115 are between the ages of 10-17. That represents 0.3% of the County youth population, ages 10-17. However, data for foster care youth is underrepresented. There are many non-Merced County youth who are now living in Merced County who are not included in that number. The Merced College Independent Living Program reports approximately 100 new referrals, ages 16+, to their program each year. Again, doubling the current statistic brings the total percentage of foster youth ages 10-16+ to 0.6%.
3. The data for those with disabilities is unavailable for youth only. All figures include individuals up to the age of 65.

An analysis of the youth programs from July 2003 – March 2004 reveals:

1. Younger Youth – 364 enrollees.
 - a. Foster Youth – 25 – 7% of total program (County 0.6%)
 - b. Offender + Substance Abuse – 54 + 24 – 21.4% (County 19.4%)
 - c. Disabled – 143 – 39%

2. Out-of-School – 205 enrollees

- a. Foster Youth – 13 – 6.3% of total program (County 0.6%)**
- b. Offender + Substance Abuse – 23 + 24 – 22.9% (County 19.4%)**
- c. Disabled – 30 – 15%**

It appears that both programs are presently serving the appropriate percentages of enrollees in the highlighted categories. But, it is suggested that this study be presented to MCOE as an impetus to alert them to possible future changes in their recruitment of enrollees. Then if the anticipated emphasis to enroll more participants from the disabled, foster care, or offenders or substance abuser categories does materialize, then the youth programs will be better positioned to positively react.

ATTACHMENT(S): N/A