

Workforce Investment Board of Merced County

Youth Council

Merced County Office of Education – Clark Room

632 West 13th Street, Merced, CA

Wednesday, June 9, 2004, 4:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes



MERCED COUNTY YOUTH COUNCIL

Members Present: Ana Andrade, Bob Bittner, Stephanie Busbea, Claudia Corchado, Evelyn Eagleton, Robert Harmon, Kathy Hassett, Mary Jane Hawkes, Jerry Johnson, Rebecca Lincoln, Richard Mahacek, Nellie McGarry (Chair), Jim Newberry, Edgar Perez, Mayra Ramirez, Rev. Craig E. White, Sr.

Members Absent: Mary Cavazos, Ben Duran, Rennise Ferrario, Laura Gongora, Alexander Hall, Taide Hernandez (Vice Chair), Charlie Lambert, Kristen Miller, Vann (Mike) Smith, Ralph Vigil

WI Staff Present: Dave Davis, Dee Knight

1. Call to Order/Roll Call: The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m., and roll call was taken. The Chair noted she would have to leave at 4:30 p.m., and Mr. Robert Harmon would take over as Chair.

2. Approve Agenda: It was *M/S/C Corchado/Eagleton* to approve the agenda as written.

3. Approve Minutes: It was *M/S/C Bittner/Newberry* to approve the May 12, 2004 minutes.

4. Public Opportunity to Speak: None.

5. Announcements:

a. The Merced Soroptimist Annual Festival is Friday night, June 11, 2004. Tickets can be purchased for \$25.00 from Ms. Evelyn Eagleton. They are also having a raffle.

b. The Boys and Girls Club is having a Golf Tournament on July 16, 2004, at Stevinson Ranch. Entry fee is \$125.00 per person, which includes lunch and dinner. You can contact Ms. Claudia Corchado for more information. They are also planning an Annual Kids Day. The Boys and Girls Club staff is having a car wash for \$5.00, and all proceeds will go towards purchasing Athletic and Arts Department equipment.

c. The Girl Scouts is having its annual fund-raiser in Modesto this Friday, June 11, 2004, from 6:00-9:00 p.m. Advance tickets are \$25.00, and \$30.00 at the door. See Ms. Ana Andrade to purchase tickets.

d. The 4H received a national grant for its GISGPS Program (technology). A youth will be going to the national conference in July 2004, and in August 2004 they will be having a kick-off event with Merced Focus.

e. The Charles Ogletree book signing is this Friday, June 11, 2004, at 6:00 p.m., in the Multicultural Arts Center.

f. Friday, June 11, 2004, 4:00-9:00 p.m., is Jerry Johnson's retirement party at the Eagle's Nest Restaurant. The Youth Council will present him with a proclamation between 5:00 and 5:30 p.m.

6. Information/Discussion Agenda:

a. Youth Council – An Historical Look: Staff provided a recap of where the Youth Council has been and what it has done so preparation could be made for future activities. Money spent on youth contracts from September 2000 to present is \$8,538,420.00, over 5,000 skills have been attained, and four Requests for Proposals have been selected.

7. Action Agenda:

a. Youth Council Vision, Role, Mission Statement and Goals: The Chair asked Youth Council members to revisit the Vision, Role, Mission and Goals to determine the next steps for the Council in relation to the Children’s Summit, the new initiatives on foster care, juvenile justice and disabled youth. The Chair provided several handouts on the State Youth Council programs and current legislation, and noted SB 215 – Youth Mentoring and Youth Development is at a standstill.

The Workforce Investment Board (WIB) Chair, Mr. John Heading, will be attending the July 14, 2004 meeting to talk about the vision of the WIB and connecting the Youth Council activities with Workforce Development—not just getting our youth educated, but into the workplace.

It was *M/S/C Eagleton/Corchado* to recognize and adopt the Vision, Role, Mission Statement and Goals as written in the Agenda Item, and to pick a specific item and allocate a certain amount of time at each meeting to discuss and work on it.

b. Youth Programs – Eligibility for Services/A Percentage Analysis: Staff provided for review and examination the enrollment percentages in selected categories—disabled, offenders, foster youth and substance abusers—for both youth programs.

It was *M/S/C Corchado/Rev. White (abstain Bitter/Eagleton/Ramirez)* to commend Merced County Office of Education on servicing a sufficient amount of youth in each category and to continue the same standard of enrollments.

8. Chair Comments: The Acting Chair thanked Mr. Dave Davis for all his support in preparing the agenda items and related topics.

9. Date, Time and Location of Next Youth Council Meeting: Next meeting is July 14, 2004, 4:00 p.m, at Merced County Office of Education – Clark Room.

10. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Devilla D. Knight