

Workforce Investment Board of Merced County

Youth Council

UC Cooperative Extension

2145 West Wardrobe Avenue, Merced

Friday, June 14, 2002, 8:30 a.m.

Retreat Minutes



MERCED COUNTY YOUTH COUNCIL

Members Present: Micki Archuleta, Bob Bittner, Claudia Corchado, Chuck Dean, Evelyn Eagleton, Rennise Ferrario, Robert Fore, Laura Gongora, Robert Harmon, Kathy Hassett, Cecilia Jimenez, Jerry Johnson, Cynthia Kelly-Reponte, Rebecca Lincoln, Noah P. Lor, Richard Mahacek, Nellie McGarry (Chair), Jim Newberry, Mayra Ramirez (Vice-Chair), Mike Smith, Ralph Vigil, Jean Weaver, Rev. Craig E. White, Sr.

Members Absent: Barbara Ayers, Lorena Briano, Suzannah Campbell, Mary Cavazos, Daryl Dupree, Troy Fox, Robert Gilbert Jr., Mary Jane Hawkes, Henry Ildefonso, Jeff Knapp, Charlie Lambert, Steve Lundgren, Marie Nelson, Suzanne Nuñez, Michael Parker,

PITD Staff Present: Dave Davis, Dee Knight, Carlton Purcell Jr, Dick Skarke

Others Present: Bryant Gomes, Donna Sanders

1. Call to Order/Roll Call: The Chair called the meeting to order at 8:47 a.m., and roll call was taken.

The Chair asked the guests to introduce themselves. They were Bryant Gomes and Donna Sanders from Valley Educational Services. They provide domestic violence anger management for court-ordered offenders and instruct anger management programs for juveniles. They were attending the meeting to find out if there is a need for these types of juvenile programs within Merced County.

2. Welcome/Statement of Purpose: The Chair noted the purpose of this meeting was to revisit the mission and goals, to see if each committee is still on track, and to see how it all links to providing a comprehensive youth system for all youth to have access to the programs.

3. Vision, Role, Mission: Staff provided a complete package of the information to be reviewed, and gave a slide review of each page.

In discussing the **Role**, a question was asked if there was any prohibition or reason why the Youth Council could not form a private nonprofit organization to reach those youth who do not qualify for Workforce Investment Act programs. The Chair noted the Workforce Investment Board Executive Committee has discussed developing a 501(C)(3) nonprofit status. The Chair will ask that this item be revisited.

In discussing the **Mission**, it was recommended that a relationship be formed with the County School Superintendents, and that a presentation be given to them to acquaint them with the purpose of the WIB and the Youth Council.

In discussing the **Goals**, it was found the Council would always have **Goal 1**. **Goal 2** is being worked by Ms. Claudia Corchado to develop a checklist to determine if youth development is being worked and our youth programs are effective. **Goals 3** and **4** are being accomplished.

Staff noted the Youth Council is a committee of the WIB, and part of a greater organization. Staff then gave an overview of the other committees.

4. Committee Members, Committee Accomplishments:

- a. Executive Committee:** The Chair noted this committee is made up of all committee chairs, explained its function is to give guidance to the council, and invited council members to sit in on one of their meetings.
- b. Outreach and Education Committee:** This committee will be losing some members. It was recommended that someone from the County Schools office be on this committee, and there be a system to accomplish a greater outreach—possibly a website and collaboration with School to Career to identify targeted areas.
- c. Leadership/Marketing Committee:** This committee will also be losing some members. It has set a lot of groundwork by giving the Youth Council its leadership message, vision, logo, and resource directory.
- d. Operations Committee:** This committee oversees the money expenditures and monitoring RFPs for youth programs. It also developed attendance norms for the Youth Council, and will be developing a long-term evaluation checklist (Youth Development Model) for youth programs.
- e. Planning and Quality Assurance Committee:** This committee produced the Asset Map and Gap Analysis. Other counties are asking how this was accomplished. Some of its goals overlap.

Several members were concerned as to how their services could best be used on these committees; i.e., faith-based and Catholic Charities and how to reach those in the community.

5. Functions of Youth Council/Priorities: The California Youth Council Institute Functions/-Workplan were reviewed, and it was determined that some of these functions need to be redefined.

Youth Council members were then asked to breakout into their committees to review the original goals, and to remember that nothing was set in stone—maybe some committees could be combined to accomplish certain goals. Also consider that a task force or ad hoc committee can accomplish some things.

6. Date, Time and Location of Next Youth Council Meeting – Next Youth Council meeting is July 12, 2002, in the UC Cooperative Extension Classroom (2145 W. Wardrobe Avenue, Merced), from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Devilla D. Knight

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