

Workforce Investment Board of Merced County Youth Council

Merced County Office of Education

632 W. 13th Street, Merced, CA

Wednesday, July 11, 2007 – 4:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes



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

Members Present: Ben Duran, Kathy Hassett, Mary Jane Hawkes, Taide Hernandez, Stephani Martinez Sheena Murry, Holly Newlon, Rick Osorio, Edgar Perez, Rebecca Rodriguez-Lincoln Deloris Sharp, Nancy A. Silva, Vann (Mike) Smith, Mayra Vega-Ramirez (Vice-Chair)

Members Absent: Bob Bittner, Stephanie Busbea, Claudia Corchado, Adam Cox, Natalie Culver-Dockins, Martha Dueñas, Rennise Ferrario (Chair), Alexander Hall, Wendy Lomeli Richard Mahacek, Isabel Nash, Nathan Timmerman, Nancy Vega-Mendoza

Others Present: Dave Davis, Patricia Evans, Patricia Hinson, Alfredo Mendoza

1. Call to Order/Roll Call: The Vice-Chair called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. Roll call was taken.

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

3. Approve Minutes: It was *M/S/C Hawks/Silva* to approve the June 13, 2007 minutes.

4. Public Opportunity to Speak: None

5. Announcements: Ms. Deloris Sharp and Ms. Sheena Murry noted the California Youth Connection is having its Annual Youth Conference August 10-13, 2007. The public is invited to attend on August 13th Modesto Doubletree Hotel.

Ms. Rebecca Rodriguez-Lincoln invited Youth Council members to attend the Summer Youth Opportunity Program Entrepreneur workshop presentations and end of summer celebration. Monday, July 16th, 10:00 am., Merced County Office of Education Campus, Bldg. L. There will be an opportunity for Q&A after each presentation. After the presentations, refreshments will be served.

6. Action Agenda:

a. Youth Council Meeting Dates: It was *M/S/C Hassett/Osorio* to disapprove having the Youth Council meeting every other month.

7. Presentations:

a. Bear Creek Academy: Ms. Nancy A. Silva, Merced County Probation Department gave a presentation on Bear Creek Academy. The Academy's primary focus is to give minors the opportunity to enter a coordinated system of care with the goal of breaking old patterns that have resulted in negative and destructive behavior. To be eligible for this program minors must be Merced County residents or resident of a county that contracted with Merced County for services. Following are some of the eligibility criteria:

1. Must be age 13 and less than age 18.
2. Must not have graduated from high school, or have a high school equivalency certificate.
3. Must not have an existing medical condition which would preclude the minor from participation by virtue of the physical requirements.
4. Must not have a clinically diagnosed mental illness.

b. Main Street Services: Ms. Patricia Evans Merced Human Services Agency (HSA), gave a presentation about the Main Street Youth Center. The Center's primary focus is foster youth, however, any youth needing services may participate. The Center is a collaboration between HSA and community partners. Cal-Learn, Permanency Placements, and representatives from Probation are currently housed at the Center. The Center plans to expand services in the future and include more partners from the community.

8. Information Agenda:

a. Youth Council Directory Update: Ms. Rodriguez-Lincoln noted the Youth Council Directory has been updated and is ready for printing. The next phase is finding financial sponsors.

b. Formation of Ad-hoc Committee for 2008 RFP: The following Youth Council members volunteered to be part of the 2008 RFP Ad-hoc group: Mr. Rick Osorio, Ms. Stefani Martinez, Ms. Taide Hernandez and Mr. Mike Smith.

c. Update on Youth Council Retreat: Staff gave an update on items that were discussed at the retreat held on May 6, 2006. Committee members would like to invite Ms. Andrea Baker to attend a Youth Council meeting. The members also requested an update on the Youth Council budget.

9. Chair Comments/Roundtable/Future Agenda Items: None

10. Date, Time and Location of Next Youth Council Meeting: Next meeting is August 8, 2007, 4:00 p.m. MCOE, Building M, 632 W. 13th Street, Merced.

11. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Patricia C. Hinson.