

Workforce Investment Board of Merced County

Youth Council

Merced County Office of Education – Clark Room

632 W. 13th Street, Merced, CA

Wednesday, July 13, 2005 – 4:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

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MERCED COUNTY YOUTH COUNCIL

Members Present: Stephanie Busbea, Mary Cavazos, Evelyn Eagleton, Alexander Hall, Robert Harmon, Kathy Hassett, Taide Hernandez (Vice Chair), Rebecca Lincoln, Rick Osorio (Chair), Mayra Ramirez, Vann (Mike) Smith, Rev. Craig E. White, Sr

Members Absent: Bob Bittner, Natalie Culver, Ben Duran, Rennise Ferrario, Mary Jane Hawkes, Charlie Lambert, Richard Mahacek, Edgar Perez, Nathan Timmerman

Others Present: Dave Davis, Dee Knight, Jonathan Mejia, Holly Newlon

1. Call to Order/Roll Call: The Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m., and roll call was taken.

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

3. Approve Minutes: It was *M/S/C Eagleton/Ramirez* to approve the May 11, 2005 minutes.

4. Public Opportunity to Speak: None.

5. Announcements:

a. On July 26, 2005, the Recreation Department will have its annual Open House Night in Applegate Park (at the Gazebo). There will be fun and games, entertainment, and Christmas in July.

6. Presentations:

a. **P-16 Council:** Mr. Mike Smith gave some background on the P-16 Council—the P-16 Council has been in existence for approximately three years, Merced County is the second in the state to form a P-16 Council, the other being San Diego County. There are 18 local K-12 school districts, four higher education partners, and 11 community partners involved in the P-16 Council. The State has set up a Statewide Council. The P-16 Council is attempting to raise \$135,000.00 to fund two full-time positions to head the Council, and give it direction and consistent guidance. Mr. Smith urged committee members to lend their support to the P-16 Council.

Ms. Evelyn Eagleton gave a PowerPoint presentation on the P-16 Council. She introduced Mr. Jonathan Mejia who was an Empower student, and he now works for Merced County Office of Education (MCOE) in Media Production. Mr. Mejia built the P-16 Council PowerPoint presentation with very little guidance from Ms. Eagleton. Ms. Eagleton will also make the same presentation at the Workforce Investment Board meeting on Thursday, July 14th. The PowerPoint presentation elaborated on the areas mentioned by Mr. Smith and on the objectives of the P-16 Council.

b. **Empower Monitoring Report:** Mr. Jesse Guerrero provided a brief overview of the monitoring process—contracts are monitored once a year—and then a PowerPoint presentation on monitoring of the MCOE Empower Program. He noted that all monitoring is done by random sampling. The Empower Program was monitored for the period of Mar-May 2005. Overall, the Empower Program is meeting all

requirements, and there were no findings. Mr. Guerrero recommended that Youth Council members take time to visit the Empower Orientation and/or workshops.

c. Dept of Labor Common Performance Measures: Mr. Dave Davis introduced Mr. Alfredo Mendoza, Special Projects Staff Services Analyst, Dept of WI, who would be making a presentation on the new Dept of Labor Common Performance Measures. The six new Common Measures were implemented July 1, 2005. They are mandated by the President's Management Agenda and the Office Management Budget Director's Memorandum. Common Measures are in addition to and similar to our current performance measures. With Common Measures, there is no longer older and younger youth, it's just youth.

7. Information Agenda:

a. Financial Support of P-16 Council: Mr. Davis noted the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) received a request, and would be contributing \$5,000 to the P-16 Council to go toward hiring a full-time secretary. The total cost to hire someone is \$45,489 annually, and other organizations have committed to funding this position. The source of the WIB's funds will be WIA Youth Administration funds. The WIB Executive Committee, on June 27, 2005, voted to support the P-16 Council's request.

8. Chair Comments/Roundtable/Future Agenda Items:

a. Ms. Kathy Hassett noted she had viewed a video on Food Stamps—HSA is doing some outreach and marketing for a nutrition program, which affects youth. She asked if the Youth Council would be interested in this program and viewing the video. The Chair asked Ms. Hassett to work with staff so it could be put on the agenda.

b. The Chair asked if members had any item(s) of interest for the Youth Council, to contact staff so it could be put on the agenda. He noted he would like the City of Merced to be more involved in the education of our youth. The Chair thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

9. Date, Time and Location of Next Youth Council Meeting: Next meeting is August 10, 2005, 4:00 p.m, at Merced County Office of Education – Newbold Room, 632 W. 13th Street, Merced.

10. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Devilla D. Knight