

TO: Youth Council

DATE: July 14, 2004

FROM: Youth Council Staff

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: Exemplary Performance Award and Technical Assistance Notification

PROPOSED MOTION(S): That the Youth Council concur with the development of a locally recognized Workforce Professional credential and forward the completed program to the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) for approval.

DISCUSSION: The State of California Employment Development Department (EDD) recently awarded the Merced County Workforce Investment Area an exemplary incentive award of \$9,062 for meeting or exceeding the majority of the LWIA's performance goals for Program Year 2002-03. However, one performance goal was not met, the Older Youth Credential/Diploma Rate. Because of this, the WIB is required to submit a Corrective Action and Technical Assistance Plan. The plan is due back to EDD by August 24, 2004, and must be signed by the WIB Chair and the Chief Local Elected Official.

The performance measure in question included 25 Arbor youth who exited during the period October 1, 2001 to September 30, 2002. The Negotiated Performance Level was then 30%; attained was 22.2%.

Presently, using exits from both JCG and MCOE programs, we are achieving a 33.3% performance rating.

The best insurance to consistently attain the Credential Performance Measure is to develop a locally recognized credential. The most common credentials now earned are the high school diploma and the General Education Development (GED). Others include forklift certification, Class A Driver's License, nursing certifications, and beautician certifications.

MCOE has begun work to develop a locally recognized Workforce Professional certification. The credential program should be ready for presentation at the September WIB meeting.

ATTACHMENT(S): N/A