

Workforce Investment Board of Merced County

Youth Council

Iris Garrett Juvenile Justice Correctional Complex

2840 West Sandy Mush Road, Merced, CA

Wednesday, August 8, 2007 – 4:00 p.m.

Working Group Notes



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

Members Present: Martha Dueñas, Ben Duran, Rennise Ferrario (Chair), Alexander Hall, Mary Jane Hawkes, Richard Mahacek, Stefani Martinez, Nancy A. Silva, Nancy Vega-Mendoza, Mayra Vega-Ramirez (Vice- Chair)

Members Absent: Bob Bittner, Stephanie Busbea, Claudia Corchado, Adam Cox, Natalie Culver-Dockins, Kathy Hassett, Taide Hernandez, Wendy Lomeli, Sheena Murry, Isabel Nash, Holly Newlon, Rick Osorio, Edgar Perez, Rebecca Rodriguez-Lincoln, Deloris Sharp, Vann (Mike) Smith, Nathan Timmerman

Others Present: Andrea Baker, Manuel J. Duran, Alfredo Mendoza

1. Call to Order/Roll Call: At 4:12 p.m., the Chair noted the regular meeting would be canceled due to lack of a quorum. The Chair convened a workgroup to discuss the agenda items. A sign-in sheet was used in lieu of roll call.

2. Presentation: Mr. Manuel Duran, City of Atwater Parks Supervisor, shared with council members that he has been involved with Summer Youth programs and directly works with and supervises youth. Mr. Duran has been involved in the hiring of youth for the City of Atwater Parks Department and noticed that fewer and fewer youth are available for summer employment. Mr. Duran expressed his concerns with members present about finding ways to increase summer youth funding and stressed the importance of developing work skills and habits in our youth. Mr. Duran has supervised delinquent and non-delinquent youth and continues to supervise youth in the work experience programs.

3. Online Youth Resource Directory: Staff provided an overview of the online resource directory now available to the public. Specific highlights included the ease of navigation throughout the directory including hyperlinks and other links within the document.

4. Tour Iris Garrett Juvenile Justice Correctional Complex: Ms. Nancy Silva and Program Managers Joe Frontella and Heidi Porter gave Council members a comprehensive tour of the complex that included the Bear Creek Academy. They guided members from initial visiting areas to intake and the housing units while answering questions and providing information.

5. Chair Comments/Roundtable/Future Agenda Items: The Chair noted that funding to publish the directory had not been established. Mr. Hall stated that City of Merced Parks and Community Services could provide \$500.00 towards the printing cost. The Chair stated she would match Mr. Hall's amount, and Ms. Andrea Baker informed the group the Youth Council can request the remaining \$500.00 from the Workforce Investment Board. The \$1,500.00 raised will cover the cost of publishing 1,000 copies of the updated Youth Resource Directory. Additional future agenda items will include:

- CWA Youth Conference attendance;
- Ad-hoc Budget questions;
- Training for Youth Council members.

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6. Date/ Time and Location of Next Meeting: Next meeting is September 12, 2007, 4:00 p.m. Main Street Youth Center, 1577 W. Main Street, Merced, CA 95340

7. Adjourn: The Workgroup adjourned at 4:42 p.m., followed by the facility tour.