

# Workforce Investment Board of Merced County

## Youth Council

UC Cooperative Extension

2145 West Wardrobe Avenue, Merced

Friday, August 9, 2002, 9:00 a.m.

### Meeting Minutes

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MERCED COUNTY YOUTH COUNCIL

**Members Present:** Bob Bittner, Mary Cavazos, Claudia Corchado, Chuck Dean, Evelyn Eagleton, Rennise Ferrario, Robert Fore, Laura Gongora, Alexander Hall, Robert Harmon, Kathy Hassett, Mary Jane Hawkes, Charlie Lambert, Rebecca Lincoln, Noah P. Lor, Richard Mahacek, Nellie McGarry (Chair), Suzanne Nuñez, Mayra Ramirez (Vice-Chair), Mike Smith, Ralph Vigil, Jean Weaver

**Members Absent:** Micki Archuleta, Suzannah Campbell, Troy Fox, Cecilia Jimenez, Jerry Johnson, Jim Newberry, Michael Parker, Rev. Craig E. White, Sr., Yer Xiong

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

**Others Present:** Ana Andrade, Valerie Anthony, Celeste Ramos, Nerieda Lozano, Taide Hernandez, Scott Pettygrove

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**1. Call to Order/Roll Call:** The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m., and roll call was taken. The Chair asked the guests to introduce themselves—Celeste Ramos, Nereida Lozano and Taide Hernandez are from the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program; and Ana Andrade is representative of the Girl Scouts.

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

**3. Approve Minutes:** It was *M/S/C Dean/Gongora* to approve the June 14, 2002 minutes and to approve the July 12, 2002 minutes with the following corrections: 1) Correct the spelling of the guest's name to Nerieda, and 2) Reflect that Ms Micki Archuleta did not "abstain", but said "no" to item 6.b.

**4. Public Opportunity to Speak:** None.

#### 5. Announcements:

- a. The Younger Youth Program has created a yearbook, and Ms. Eagleton passed around a proof of the yearbook. Ms. Robin Davis will present final copies at the next meeting, along with a video.
- b. The Merced Women's Conference "I Am Every Woman" will be held at Merced College on Saturday, September 7, 2002, starting at 8:00 a.m.
- c. There was an article in the Merced Sun-Star regarding Yer Xiong being a part of a UC Merced Project to learn firsthand of the many cultures represented within Merced County.

#### 6. Presentations:

**a. Youth Employability Card:** The Chair noted that Mr. Don Bergman was to be present to make a presentation on the Youth Employability Card because the Youth Council should be active in promoting and supporting this program. Staff will reschedule the presentation for another time.

**b. Youth Anger Management:** Ms. Valerie Anthony, Director of Total Self Insight (TSI) made a

*"Today's Youth ... Tomorrow's Leaders"*

presentation on the anger management for youth program. She handed out pamphlets and passed around the Anderson workbook model that is used in the program. There are 16 youth in the program. All facilitators are certified and under the age of 30, in order to relate to the youth. They talk one-on-one until the youth feels comfortable to transition into a group. The cost of the workbook is \$35, the cost of the program is \$355 per person, which averages out to \$20 per session. All Merced County high schools have been sent information regarding this program. Ms. Anthony is currently working on a grant to get more funding.

## 7. Action Agenda:

**a. Funds Request - \$111,285, MCOE Enhancement of Younger Youth Program:** This request is for funding to conduct programs in Career Planning, Job Shadowing, and Conversations with Business. It will be administered through an amendment to the younger youth contract. After hearing the recommendation of the Operations Committee and reviewing this request, it was *M/S/C Smith/Hall (abstain Dean/Eagleton/Vigil)* that the funds request from MCOE in the amount of \$111,285 be approved.

**b. Funds Request - \$1,176, City of Merced Re League of California Cities Youth Conference:** This request is for funding to send 4 youth and 2 chaperones to the League of California Cities Annual Conference on October 2-5, 2002, in Long Beach, CA. After hearing the recommendation of the Operations Committee and discussing the particulars of the request, it was *M/S/C Dean/Corchado (abstain Hall)* to approve this funds request in the amount of \$1,176 with the stipulation that the funds only be used for 4 WIA-enrolled youth.

**c. Youth Council Goal #2 (Rewrite):** After discussing the existing goal and the rewrite, it was *M/S/C Hassett/Dean* to approve the Youth Council Goal #2 as rewritten.

**e. Youth Expo 2003 – Proposal from Sunrise Rotary Club:** The Chair asked that this item be next because Mr. Scott Pettygrove had another appointment. Mr. Pettygrove, Human Services Agency, who headed the past Youth Expo, gave the Youth Council an overview of the planning and execution of this conference. He noted that 400 youth attended last year and it is labor intensive. The coordinators must get out to the high schools and get youth to commit to the event. He felt the most valuable thing in the process was the community collaboration.

The Operations Committee reported they met with the coordinators—Lynda Bennett and Roger Evans—of the Youth Expo 2002 Conference, who provided a financial report and overview of the planning process. They also attended the Outreach and Education Committee meeting to inform them of the process.

Mr. Robert Harmon noted the Sunshine Rotary Club Interact youth group will be the staffing support for this conference. The Rotary Club will be meeting next week to start their planning strategy.

It was *M/S/C Eagleton/Dean* to approve the Youth Council oversee and facilitate the actual planning of the Youth Expo Conference by forming an ad hoc committee, and collaborate with the Rotary Club in the planning.

The following members volunteered for the ad hoc committee: Claudia Corchado, Chuck Dean, Rennise Ferrario, Laura Gongora, Alexander Hall, Rebecca Lincoln, Noah Pou Lor, Nellie McGarry, Suzanne Nunez, and Ralph Vigil.

**d. Name Change/New Mission for Outreach and Education Committee:** After hearing and discussing the reasons for the name change and the new mission statement particulars, it was *M/S/C Mahacek/Hall* to approve the name change to Business, Education and Community Partners Committee, and the new mission statement as requested.

**8. Committee Chair Reports:**

**a. Operations:** The Operations Committee previously made its report and recommendations when the Action Agenda was presented.

**b. Planning & Quality Assurance:** They did not have a quorum.

**c. Outreach and Education:** Suzanne Nunez and Gary Derr, along with several youth, will be attending the State Youth Conference meeting on August 14, 2002, in Oakland, CA, to present the youth message that was formed out of the conference, and to give details of the planning for the conference.

**d. Leadership/Marketing Committee:** They did not have a quorum.

**9. Chair Comments:** The Chair noted that one of the items for the State Youth Conference is changing the WIA implementation criteria of 30%/70% to be more flexible at the local level.

When the Operations Committee reviewed the budget, she noted there was an excess of more than \$250,000 available for use. The Chair suggested the Council think about asking the Operations Committee to go out for a Request for Proposal for an out-of-school program to use these dollars. Staff was asked to put this on the agenda for the next meeting.

The Chair asked if the Council would like to have presentations from other youth groups within the community, and members agreed on this.

The Chair asked members to review the State Youth Master Plan, and e-mail her with any changes they would like to see made and she will take them to the State Youth Conference for consideration.

It was suggested the Council think about forming a youth One-Stop in collaboration with the Boys and Girls Club and other youth groups.

**10. Date, Time and Location of Next Youth Council Meeting** – Next Youth Council meeting is September 13, 2002, in the UC Cooperative Extension Classroom (2145 W. Wardrobe Avenue, Merced), from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

**11. Adjourn:** It was *M/S/C Dean/Hassett* to adjourn the meeting at 10:37 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Devilla D. Knight