

Workforce Investment Board of Merced County

Youth Council

Merced County Office of Education – Newbold Room

632 W. 13th Street, Merced, CA

Wednesday, August 10, 2005 – 4:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes



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

Members Present: Stephanie Busbea, Mary Cavazos, Ben Duran, Evelyn Eagleton, Rennise Ferrario, Kathy Hassett, Taide Hernandez (Vice Chair), Rebecca Lincoln, Richard Mahacek, Rick Osorio (Chair), Mayra Ramirez, Vann (Mike) Smith, Nathan Timmerman

Members Absent: Bob Bittner, Natalie Culver, Alexander Hall, Robert Harmon, Mary Jane Hawkes, Charlie Lambert, Edgar Perez

Others Present: Dave Davis, Dave Campbell and Lisa Manning– UC Davis, Mark Gregory – HSA, Alfredo Mendoza, Jacquelyn Yansco

1. Call to Order/Roll Call: The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m., and roll call was taken.

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

3. Approve Minutes: It was *M/S/C Duran/Hasset* to approve the July 13, 2005 minutes.

4. Public Opportunity to Speak: None.

5. Announcements:

a. On September 24, 2005, the Annual Teen Summit will be at Merced College. Ms. Mayra Ramirez asked for volunteers to work the booth and be chaperones. Anyone interested should attend the meeting on August 18, 2005, 10am to 12pm at Merced College.

b. On September 11, 2005, 11am to 6pm, the First Annual Helping Hands Fair will be conducted at Applegate Park (near the Laura Fountain). The purpose is to raise awareness of the community serving organizations that have activities for the public, that need volunteers and that are seeking members.

6. Presentations:

a. 4-H Youth Activities: Mr. Richard Mahacek and 4-H students discussed the Youth Activities of the 4-H club. About a year ago Mr. Mahacek and the 4-H students started doing activities using the ARC Geographic Information System (GIS). The programs utilize computers by taking entered information and plotting it onto maps, which is called Geo Coding. The group presented several maps, and discussed in detail the significance of each map. Mr. Mahacek also demonstrated how to use the GIS from the overhead on the computer.

b. Youth Opportunity Program Monitoring Report: Mr. Dave Davis stated Mr. Louie Martinez was unable to attend the meeting. Mr. Martinez will present the Younger Youth Monitoring Report next month. Mr. Davis noted he reviewed the Monitoring Report and thought it was a very good report.

c. Youth Programs – Summer Work Experience: Ms. Rebecca Lincoln provided surveys compiled from the Youth Opportunity and Summer Youth programs. She discussed the Work Experience component that they have with in-school and out-of-school youth. Ms. Lincoln noted the programs are now year round. She explained the statistics for the school year, and read several comments from students that were on the survey. This summer 343 Youth Opportunity Program participants worked up to 29 hours per week and attended the Working Professional course for an additional three hours each week. The course outline this year focused on “Volunteerism” and emphasized the importance of volunteering in our communities. Participants were asked to volunteer three unpaid hours to the non-profit of their choice.

d. Working Programs for Transitional Foster Care Youth: Mr. Mark Gregory noted that HSA and the Central Valley Coalition for Affordable Housing have teamed up to build a gated community in north Merced County for Transitional Foster Care Youth. He gave details of the project which would include within this community, several 4-plexes, classrooms, mentors, etc. The purpose of this community is to teach foster youth how to survive in the real world. The program is not mandatory. The foster youth has to want to be in it, and will go through an assessment before being accepted. The program will be run by grants and private donation.

The Chair asked Mr. Gregory to think of ways the Workforce Investment Board would be able to assist with the program.

7. Chair Comments/Roundtable/Future Agenda Items:

a. Ms. Kathy Hassett asked to be added to the agenda for September to discuss the social marketing of nutrition/food stamps.

b. The Chair noted if anyone had other items to add to the agenda to contact staff. He thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

8. Date, Time and Location of Next Youth Council Meeting: Next meeting is September 14, 2005, 4:00 p.m, at Merced County Office of Education – Newbold Room, 632 W. 13th Street, Merced.

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

Minutes prepared by Jacquelyn Yansco