

Workforce Investment Board of Merced County

Youth Council

UC Cooperative Extension

2145 Wardrobe Avenue, Merced, CA

Wednesday, August 11 2004, 4:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes



MERCED COUNTY YOUTH COUNCIL

Members Present: Mary Cavazos, Claudia Corchado, Ben Duran, Evelyn Eagleton, Rennise Ferrario, Alexander Hall, Robert Harmon, Kathy Hassett, Mary Jane Hawkes, Charlie Lambert, Rebecca Lincoln, Richard Mahacek, Nellie McGarry (Chair), Jim Newberry, Mayra Ramirez, Vann (Mike) Smith

Members Absent: Ana Andrade, Bob Bittner, Stephanie Busbea, Taide Hernandez (Vice Chair), Kristen Miller, Edgar Perez, Ralph Vigil, Rev. Craig E. White, Sr.

WI Staff Present: Dave Davis, Dee Knight, Joanne Presnell

Others Present: Dr. Nancy Goodban

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

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

3. Approve Minutes: It was *M/S/C Smith/Hassett* to approve the July 14, 2004 minutes with the following corrections:

a. Mary Cavazos should be noted as Present and not Absent.

b. Include more information under agenda item 6, Mr. John Headdings' presentation. (Ms. Kathy Hassett noted she would provide her notes.)

4. Public Opportunity to Speak: None.

5. Announcements: None.

6. Merced County Children's Action Plan: Dr. Nancy Goodban, Consultant, gave an overview of how the Children's Summit came to be and the Draft Action Plan (for ages 0-22) that came out of the Summit. She provided handouts of only the Action Plan Steps that related to youth—there's a total of 73 Action Plan Steps, and noted the complete Draft Action Plan would be e-mailed upon request to her or Ms. Rebecca Lincoln. The purpose of the Action Plan was to develop steps that are concrete, measurable and realistic within the community.

On Thursday, September 30, 2004, at 4:30 p.m., at the Boys and Girls Club, there will be a formal introduction of the Action Plan. Everyone who attended the Children's Summit, including teens, will be invited. On Saturday, October 2, 2004, there will be an Action Plan introduction for all childcare providers. The facilitation of the Action Plan will be handled by a core workgroup of seven people who will meet on a monthly basis to identify appropriate agencies that can implement and accomplish specific Action Plan Steps.

They want to have a follow-up teen event, and would like the Youth Council to be instrumental in putting this event together.

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

It was recommended that a Youth Council member attend the first meeting of the core workgroup to inform them of the role, mission and structure of the Youth Council.

7. Action Agenda:

a. Locally Recognized Credential: It was *M/S/C Smith/Hall (abstain Cavazos, Eagleton, Lincoln and Ramirez)* to accept the Merced County Office of Education (MCOE) "Working Professional" program as a recognized credential to be awarded to all successfully exited Empower participants.

b. Youth Council Facts/Accomplishment Paper: Staff provided for review and examination a draft of the facts and accomplishments of the Youth Council. There were several constructive recommendations on changes to the paper.

It was *M/S/C Smith/Duran* that staff revises the Facts/Accomplishment Paper, and bring it back to the Youth Council for further action.

c. Youth Council Goal #1: It was *M/S/C Eagleton/Hassett* to retain Goal #1.

8. Information Agenda:

a. High Concentrations of Youth Plan: Staff noted Merced County qualifies for \$70,000 for having a high concentration of WIA-eligible youth. The State will award these funds if we submit a plan by September 1, 2004 on how the funds will be utilized. MCOE is formulating a plan for out-of-school youth within the Juvenile Justice System, and receipt of the funds is expected in October 2004.

The plan will be submitted to the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) Executive Committee for approval, and then to the State WIB for award.

b. Department of Labor New Vision for Youth Services: Staff provided a handout from the Department of Labor (DOL) Employment and Training Administration (ETA) that changes the focus of our youth programs. The emphasis is on the most neediest out-of-school youth.

Members were encouraged to read the handout and forward any questions/comments to the Chair because she has a State Youth Council meeting in two weeks.

9. Chair Comments: None.

10. Date, Time and Location of Next Youth Council Meeting: Next meeting is September 8, 2004, 4:00 p.m, at Merced County Office of Education – Newbold Room.

11. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 5:21 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Devilla D. Knight