

TO: Youth Council

DATE: 08/13/03

FROM: Youth Council Staff

For Action

For Information

For Discussion

SUBJECT: Update on Housing Authority Job Specialist (Out-of-School Contract)

PROPOSED MOTION(S): Information Only

DISCUSSION: In October 2002, the Youth Council voted to expand the out-of-school youth program by placing a Jobs for California Graduates (JCG) Job Specialist within the Merced County Housing Authority. The contracting process resulted in the specialist being assigned in early 2003. The agreement called for the Housing Authority to provide an office, communication equipment, and a list of all potentially WIA eligible youth living in the Housing Authority (all for free). JCG provided the Job Specialist. The contract was increased by \$49,635 to be spent over a 6-month period.

After 7 months, 6 months of last year's contract and 1 month into the new contract, JCG has enrolled only 4 Housing clients at a cost of \$12,409 per client vs. the normal \$4,000+. The reasons for this below average performance are poor job performance by the Job Specialist, and lack of managerial oversight.

In June 2003, the Housing Authority requested the Job Specialist be replaced. He was immediately removed from the site and ended his employment with JCG at the end of the month. As of the end of July 2003, JCG has not replaced the Job Specialist.

The Contract Working Group has met with JCG to facilitate a solution. The Director, Department of Workforce Investment has directed that JCG respond in writing, their solution, complete with timelines, to this problem. When new information is available, the Youth Council will be informed.

ATTACHMENT(S): N/A