

# Workforce Investment Board of Merced County Youth Council

Merced County Office of Education

632 W. 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Merced, CA

Wednesday, September 12, 2007 – 4:00 p.m.

## Meeting Minutes



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

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**Members Present:** Bob Bittner, Stephanie Busbea, Adam Cox, Ben Duran, Rennise Ferrario (Chair), Mary Jane Hawkes, Wendy Lomeli, Richard Mahacek, Stefani Martinez, Sheena Murry, Rick Osorio, Edgar Perez, Rebecca Rodriguez-Lincoln, Deloris Sharp, Vann (Mike) Smith

**Members Absent:** Claudia Corchado, Natalie Culver-Dockins, Martha Dueñas, Alexander Hall, Kathy Hassett, Taide Hernandez, Holly Newlon, Nancy A. Silva, Nathan Timmerman Nancy Vega-Mendoza, Mayra Vega-Ramirez (Vice-Chair)

**Others Present:** Patricia Evans, Patricia Hinson, Alfredo Mendoza, Sharon Salaiz

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1. **Call to Order/Roll Call:** The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:20 p.m. Roll call was taken.
2. **Approve Agenda:** It was *M/S/C Duran/Cox* to approve the agenda with the following correction; Item 10, Date/Time and Location of next meeting, should read October 10, 2007, MCOE, Building M.
3. **Approve Minutes:** It was *M/S/C Hawkes/Duran* to approve the July 11, 2007 minutes.
4. **Public Opportunity to Speak:** None.
5. **Announcements:** Ms. Mary Jane Hawkes invited Youth Council members to attend the Castle Challenger Learning Center fundraiser for its After School Program, October 27, 2007. Tickets are \$35.00 per person. This is a collaborative effort with the Atwater Police Dept.
6. **Action Agenda:**
  - a. **Youth Resource Directory 2007:** It was *M/S/C Mahacek/Duran* to approve the Youth Council request of \$500.00 financial support from the Workforce Investment Board for printing the updated Merced County Youth Resource Directory.
7. **Presentations:**
  - a. **Main Street Youth Center:** Ms. Patricia Evans, Merced County Human Service Agency (HSA), gave a presentation on the services offered at the Main Street Youth Center. Ms. Evans showed a video about foster youths sharing their personal stories. The Center's primary focus is foster youth. Currently, the center is serving 270 foster youth. The Center is a collaboration between HSA and community partners. Cal-Learn, Permanency Placements and representatives from Probation are currently housed at the Center. The Center plans to expand its services, and recently hired two foster youth to help with foster youth needs.
  - b. **DoWith Program (Wraparound):** Ms. Sharon Salaiz, gave a presentation on the Wraparound DoWith Program. The Wraparound DoWith Program is a planning process that assists the families through a series of steps and designated family-centered phases. This program has been in the county over 20 years. The ultimate goal of Wraparound is to keep children with their birth families, with relative caregivers, or foster families by providing intensive, comprehensive integrated and creative treatment intervention support services. The link for more information is [www.aspiranet.org](http://www.aspiranet.org).

**8. Information Agenda:**

**a. Youth Council Member Training:** Staff noted a facilitator from New Ways to Work has been secured for Youth Council member training. Input is needed from members regarding the date and time for this training. Members preferred the training to be half day. If possible schedule the training for the next Youth Council meeting, which is October 10<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 p.m. followed by the regular Youth Council meeting. Staff will contact the trainer and notify members of the answer.

**b. CWA Youth Conference:** The next CWA Youth Conference will be held January 15-17, 2008. The Youth Council has funding to send two members. Ms. Wendy Lomeli, Mr. Adam Cox, and Ms. Deloris Sharp are interested in attending the conference.

**c. YOP 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Report:** A handout was provided with the meeting package.

**d. EMPOWER 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Report:** A handout was provided with the meeting package.

**9. Chair Comments/Roundtable/Future Agenda Items:** Ms. Ferrario thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

**10. Date, Time and Location of Next Youth Council Meeting:** Next meeting is October 10, 2007, 4:00 p.m. MCOE, Building M, 632 W. 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Merced.

**11. Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Patricia C. Hinson.