

TO: Youth Council

DATE: 10/08/03

FROM: Youth Council Staff

For Action

For Information

For Discussion

SUBJECT: Contract Negotiations for New Out-of-School Youth Program

PROPOSED MOTION(S): The Youth Council authorize the Contract Working Group to negotiate the new out-of-school contract and forward same to the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) for approval.

DISCUSSION: On September 19, 2003, the contract to provide out-of-school youth services was canceled by Jobs for California Graduates-Merced County, Inc. On September 29, 2003, the WIB Executive Committee requested the past partners of the older youth program convene to choose a lead agency to be contracted with. On October 1, 2003, the partners met but did not make a final decision. When that decision is finalized, it will be approved by the WIB. Contract negotiations need to begin immediately. The process requires Youth Council oversight. To expedite the process and restore out-of-school services will require immediate intervention. That oversight can be achieved by using the Youth Council's Contract Working Group to negotiate the new out-of-school contract.

Once the partners have chosen a lead agency, the next normal administrative path would be Youth Council approval. The need for immediate program restoration will not allow this delay. The Youth Council will next meet on December 10, 2003. The WIB will next meet November 13, 2003. The WIB Executive Committee will meet October 27, 2003. The Executive Committee is empowered to make decisions for the WIB when exigencies exist that require immediate action. The Executive Committee will be asked to approve the new provider during its next meeting.

ATTACHMENT(S): N/A