

Workforce Investment Board of Merced County

Youth Council

MCOE – Newbold/Clark Rooms

623 West 13th Street, Merced, CA

Wednesday, October 8, 2003, 4:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes



MERCED COUNTY YOUTH COUNCIL

Members Present: Ana Andrade, Bob Bittner, Claudia Corchado, Rennise Ferrario, Alexander Hall, Mary Jane Hawkes, Taide Hernandez, Jerry Johnson, Rebecca Lincoln, Richard Mahacek, Nellie McGarry (Chair), Jim Newberry, Mayra Ramirez, Vann (Mike) Smith, Ralph Vigil

Members Absent: Mary Cavazos, Ben Duran, Evelyn Eagleton, Laura Gongora, Robert Harmon, Kathy Hassett, Charlie Lambert, Kristen Miller, Edgar Perez, Rev. Craig E. White, Sr.

WI Staff Present: Dave Davis, Dee Knight, Joanne Presnell, Jackie Walther-Parnell

Others Present: Robin Davis and Holly Newlon, MCOE; Debbie Perez, JCG Job Specialist

1. Call to Order/Roll Call: The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:25 p.m., and roll call was taken.

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

3. Approve Minutes: It was *M/S/C Vigil/Hall* to approve the August 13, 2003 minutes.

4. Public Opportunity to Speak: Ms. Debbie Perez introduced herself and noted she had approximately 100 clients enrolled in the Out-of-School Program in Los Banos. She asked the status of the program and who would be handling these clients. The Chair noted these questions would be answered under the Information Agenda items.

5. Announcements:

a. The After School Program will be presenting “Lights On” tomorrow, October 9, 2003, 6-8:00 p.m., at the Merced Mall.

b. The Boys & Girls Club is having a “Solid Gold Night” event (wear clothing from the 70s and 80s era) on October 18, 2003. There will be a prize for the best costume.

The Boys & Girls Club is also having a “Fall-Back Brunch” on Oct 26, 2003. The tickets are \$10.00, and for children age 10 and under the tickets are \$5.00.

c. HSA is in collaboration with other entities in putting on a “Children’s Summit” on April 30, 2004. There will be various topics geared to age groups 0-5, 6-13, 14-18, and 19-22. It will be an all day event, and held at the Boys & Girls Club. Youth Council members will be e-mailed information on the topics, and will be asked to give input. Staff will keep the Council informed on the progress of this event.

d. There will be a young women’s conference (8th to 12th grade), “Winning the Game of Life”, on October 25, 2003, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at the Merced County Fairgrounds in the Junior Exhibit Building. Registration forms can be obtained at each school Career Center. Deadline for registration is October 20, 2003. They need 40 women to volunteer as mentors for this event. Contact the Chair or Ms. Mayra Ramirez if you know anyone interested.

6. Action Agenda:

a. Authorization to Negotiate New Out-of-School Contract: The Board of Supervisors has granted a “soul source contract” to whomever takes over as lead agency among the partners— Merced County Office of Education, Central Valley Opportunity Center, Lao Family, Merced County Community Action Agency, Merced College, Merced Adult School, and Employment Development Department. It was *M/S/C Hall/Ramirez* to authorize the Youth Council Contract Working Group to negotiate the new out-of-school contract and forward it to the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) for approval.

Staff will inform the subcontractors there is no mechanism in place to enroll new clients or enroll existing clients into new components until a lead agency has been identified.

7. Information Agenda:

a. Cancellation of Jobs for California Graduates Out-of-School Contract: Council members were informed the JCG Board of Directors had dissolved the corporation on Friday, September 19, 2003, and the Department was formally notified on September 24, 2003.

b. Selection of New Provider for Out-of-School Program: All subcontractors met to discuss and select a lead agency for the Out-of-School Program. To date, no provider has been identified. Merced County Office of Education noted they are willing to be the new provider. Staff will send an e-mail to those providers who have not responded, requesting a declination.

c. Jobs for California Graduates-Merced County, Inc. Contract Oversight: Staff provided a detailed log of events that occurred with JCG since May 2003.

d. Youth Opportunity Program Quarterly Report: Everyone received and reviewed a copy of the quarterly report for the Younger Youth Program.

8. Chair Comments: Since Ms. Micki Archuleta has resigned from the Council, Ms. Taide Hernandez will need a mentor. Ms. Claudia Corchado volunteered.

The Chair noted the Council still needs a youth vice chair, and asked Ms. Hernandez to think about the position.

At the WIB Retreat on October 2, 2003, they decided to link the Youth Council goals with the WIB goals.

9. Date, Time and Location of Next Youth Council Meeting: Next meeting is December 10, 2003, in the MCOE Newbold/Clark Conference Rooms, 623 W. 13th Street, Merced, at 4:00 p.m.

10. Adjourn: It was *M/S/C Hall/Vigil* to adjourn the meeting at 5:27 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Devilla D. Knight