

Workforce Investment Board of Merced County Youth Council

Boys & Girls Club

615 West 15th Street, Merced, CA

Friday, November 8, 2002, 9:00 a.m.

Meeting Minutes



Members Present:

Micki Archuleta
Cuck Dean
Troy Fox
Jerry Johnson
Jim Newberry
Ralph Vigil

Bob Bittner
Rennise Ferrario
Laura Gongora
Charlie Lambert
Mayra Ramirez

Claudia Corchado
Robert Fore
Kathy Hassett
Becky Lincoln
Mike Smith

Members Absent:

Suzannah Campbell
Alexander Hall
Cecilia Jimenez
Nellie McGarry
Yer Xiong

Mary Cavazos
Robert Harmon
Noah Pou Lor
Suzanne Nunez

Evelyn Eagleton
Mary Jane Hawkes
Richard Mahecek
Rev. Craig White

Others Present:

Gary Comer
Judy Kennedy
Janet Spangler

Dave Davis
Holly Newlon

Gary Derr
Donna Ornelas

1. Call to Order and Roll Call – The meeting was called to order by the Vice-Chair, Mayra Rameriz. Roll call was taken by Donna Ornelas
2. Approve Agenda – It was M/S/C Dean/Corchado to approve the agenda as written.
3. Approve Minutes - It was M/S/C Dean/Weaver to approve the minutes of October 11, 2002.
4. Public Opportunity to Speak – Becky Lincoln, Family Resource Council advised group grant on domestic violence develop a brochure to be distributed to emergency services to be given to domestic violence victims. Becky distributed copies and asked that anyone interested contact her for further information. In addition, Ms. Lincoln requested a letter of support from each of the Youth Council members. Ms. Lincoln also introduced Ka Xiong from the Family Resource Council. Ms. Xiong spoke to the group and noted that she will be working on identifying grants/resources available. Anyone with information

or any further questions can contact Ms. Xiong 385-5398

5. Announcements - none
6. Action Agenda
 - a. Youth (Connection or Services) Web Page – Jerry Johnson provided information on the development and purpose of the web page. He noted the committee is working in coordination with County Information Systems. Mr. Johnson provided a prototype of the web page. - It was *M/S/C Dean/Bittner* that \$5000 be reserved for web page development.
7. Information Agenda
 - a. Update on Youth Employability Card – Holly Newlon gave a presentation on the Youth Employability Card. Ms. Newlon gave an overview of the application process, the support of the program as well as statistics on issuance of the card.
 - b. Presentation on Teenage Suicide Prevention – Troy Fox introduced Janet Spangler, Gary Comer and Judy Kennedy from Merced County Department of Mental Health. The presenters showed video on teen suicide including signs and symptoms. The group provided an overview of services offered at mental health related to teens. In addition, the group provided a question and answer period.
 - c. MCOE Quarterly Report – Copy of the report included in the package.
 - d. JCG Quarterly Report – Chuck Dean noted there were 156 eligibles at the end of October. He reported that referral information should be available by next month.
8. Committee Chair Reports
 - a. Operations – Ralph Vigil noted the committee redirected a request for funds from CVOC. At the next meeting it is anticipated there will be continued discussion on development of a foundation.
 - b. Planning and Quality Assurance – no report
 - c. Business, Education and Community Partners – Although committee did not meet quorum at the last meeting, the group met and Mary Jane Waters from the Youth Accountability Board attended and gave a presentation.
 - d. Marketing and Outreach - Claudia Corchado reported the group met and will be continuing work on the marketing plan. It is anticipated there will further information available at the next Youth Council meeting.
9. Chair Comments/Round Table/Future Agenda Items – Some of the attendees expressed an interest in getting further information on gang suppression information at the next meeting.
10. Date, Time and Location of Next Meeting – The group decided to schedule meeting for December, 13, 2002. at Boys & Girls Club. 9:00-11:00
11. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned 11:00 a.m.