

Workforce Investment Board of Merced County

Youth Council

Boys & Girls Club

615 West 15th Street, Merced, CA

Friday, December 13, 2002, 9:00 a.m.

Meeting Minutes



MERCED COUNTY YOUTH COUNCIL

Members Present: Micki Archuleta, Bob Bittner, Mary Cavazos, Claudia Corchado, Alexander Hall, Kathy Hassett, Mary Jane Hawkes, Jerry Johnson, Charlie Lambert, Troy Fox, Laura Gongora, Jim Newberry, Mayra Ramirez (Vice-Chair), Mike Smith, Ralph Vigil, Jean Weaver, Rev. Craig E. White, Sr.,

Members Absent: Suzannah Campbell, Evelyn Eagleton, Chuck Dean, Rennise Ferrario, Rebecca Lincoln, Robert Harmon, Cecilia Jimenez, Noah P. Lor, Nellie McGarry (Chair), Michael Parker, Yer Xiong, Suzanne Nuñez, Richard Mahacek.

Others Present: Holly Newlon, Sandra Stevens, Lamar Henderson, Dave Davis, Gary Derr, Ed McLaughlin, Patricia Hinson

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call:** The meeting was called to order by the Vice-Chair, Mayra Ramirez. Roll call was taken by Patricia Hinson.
2. **Approve Agenda:** It was *M/S/C Hall/Johnson* to approve the agenda with the following addition item # 7 under B.
3. **Approve Minutes:** It was *M/S/C Hassett/Corchado* to approve the minutes with the following addition. Ms. Micki Archuleta had stated during the November meeting that 30% percent of teen suicide is a result of sexual orientation confusion, and the Merced County Mental Health Program does not formally recognized this issue. Her previous statement was added to the November minutes.
4. **Public Opportunity to Speak:** Mr. Ed McLaughlin, Assistant Director for the Department of Workforce Investment, shared some information regarding The National Workforce Association Conference he attended last week. The focus of this conference was on the reauthorization of the Workforce Investment Act and funding for the next program year. At the present time there are reauthorization issue discussions being held between the legislator staffers and staffers to the Department of Labor. The community is concerned as to what form reauthorization will take. Mr. McLaughlin stated that Workforce Investment is using an 11% funding cut for next year's planning for youth programs.
5. **Announcements:**
 - a. Claudia Corchado, Boys & Girls Club, passed out a flyer from Cellular-One and Macey's regarding donating funds to the Boys & Girls Club.

6. Information Agenda:

a. Meeting Location Change 2003: It was briefed that next year's Youth Council meeting will be held at the Newbold/Clark Rooms located at 632 West 13th Street, Merced.

b. Merced County All Youth, One System: Ms. Myra Ramirez, Youth Council Vice-Chair gave a presentation concerning the progress of "All Youth-One System" within the Youth Council. The concept of "All Youth-One System" will be brought back to the Youth Council in January for formal adoption.

c. Doll Project-Merced Possibilities: Mr. Dave Davis shared some information regarding a Doll Project to see if the Youth Council would be interested in supporting this project.

d. Gang suppression and intervention: A presentation concerning gang members, gangs, and suppression/intervention of gangs was made by Ms. Sandra Stevens, [sstenvn@mercedlearn.org](mailto:ssstenvn@mercedlearn.org) (381-4519)-Foster Youth Services, and Lamar Henderson, Lamar4youth.yahoo.com Merced College Independent Living Program, (384-6369).

7. Committee Chair Reports:

Operations:

a. Planning & Quality Assurance: Moving on with the Web-Site

b. Business, Education and Community Partners: Did not meet

c. Leadership/Marketing Committee: Continue working on Marketing Plan

d. Operations: Did not meet

8. Chair Comments/Round Table/Future Agenda Items: Attendees expressed an interest in receiving a Youth Council budget presentation. Additionally, 501c3 status for the Youth Council will be discussed.

9. Other Comments: None

10. Date, Time and Location of Next Youth Council Meeting – January 8, 2003 @ MCOE Newbold Room, 4:00 p.m. – 6:00p.m.

12. Adjourn: It was *M/S/C Johnson/Corchado* to adjourn the meeting at 10:34 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Patricia C. Hinson