

TO: Youth Council

DATE: 12/13/06

FROM: Executive Committee

For Action

For Information

For Discussion

SUBJECT: Amendment to Out-of-School Youth Contract

PROPOSED MOTION(S): Information only.

DISCUSSION: The Youth Council awarded Merced County Office of Education (MCOE)/ROP its current Youth contracts beginning July 1, 2006. During the contract period, the Workforce Investment Act was scheduled for reauthorization.

In order to respond to a forecast future program fund split, the Youth Council voted to contract for the present year without the addition of PY 2005/06 carryover dollars. Those funds were to be added in the proper percentages when the future program split was known. The Youth Council also voted to fund the current programs at a 60% younger youth and 40% out-of-school youth. The chances of WIA being reauthorized this year are extremely slim. The youth programs need their carryover dollars to serve their clients.

On November 8, 2006, the Youth Council directed staff to begin the amendment process to add carryover funds to the YOP and Empower programs. The split in funding continues at 60/40. The addition of these dollars will not result in more clients being served or those enrolled clients receiving more services. What these additions will do is increase the line items in budgets planned by MCOE and approved by the Youth Council with the agreement that when the proper time had arrived, carryover monies would be added to the present contracts.

The Executive Committee approved the addition of \$72,523 of PY2005/06 carryover dollars to the EMPOWER contract during its December 4, 2006 meeting.

ATTACHMENTS: N/A