

Workforce Investment Board of Merced County Youth Council

Merced County Office of Education – Bldg J-2

632 W. 13th Street, Merced, CA

Wednesday, December 13, 2006 – 4:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes



<http://web.co.merced.ca.us/wi/youth/meetingpkts/meetingpkts.html>

Members Present: Bob Bittner, Natalie Culver, Alexander Hall, Kathy Hassett, Mary Jane Hawkes, Wendy Lomeli, Richard Mahacek, Sheena Murry, Deloris Sharp, Vann (Mike) Smith, Nathan Timmerman, Nancy Vega-Mendoza, Mayra Vega-Ramirez (Vice- Chair)

Members Absent: Stephanie Busbea, Ben Duran, Rennise Ferrario, Taide Hernandez, Charlie Lambert, Rebecca Lincoln, Isabel Nash, Holly Newlon, Rick Osorio (Chair), Edgar Perez, Nancy A. Silva, Rev. Craig E. White

Others Present: Dave Davis, Patricia Hinson, Lamar Henderson, Alfredo Mendoza, Marie Pickney

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

2. Approve Agenda: It was *M/S/C Hall/Bittner* to approve the agenda with an added discussion item, CWA Youth Conference.

3. Approve Minutes: It was *M/S/C Hawkes/Hassett* to approve the November 8, 2006 minutes.

4. Public Opportunity to Speak: None.

5. Announcements: None

6. Action Agenda:

a. It was *M/S/C Mahacek/Hassett* to accept the Youth Council application membership from Martha Dueñas, and forward it to the Workforce Investment Board for approval.

7. Discussion:

a. **Ethics Training for Youth Council Members:** This is a required training for Local Board and Youth Council members. It's in accordance with Employment Development Department Draft Directive WIADD-130, dated October 31, 2006. This course is self-guided and is informational, no testing required. This training is to be accomplished by January 1, 2007, and every two years thereafter. To access this training, click on the following link. (<http://www.localethics.fppc.ca.gov>)

b. **Update on Youth Resource Directory:** Staff will meet with Family Resource Council to discuss the possibility of sharing information through a Wiki, which is an easy-to-use interactive website that will allow the whole community to have access and update the directory as needed. Mr. Richard Mahacek gave a presentation on the County website to show how this project is progressing.

c. **CWA Youth Conference:** Ms. Ramirez noted the next California Workforce Association (CWA) Seventh Annual Youth Conference would be January 16-18, 2007. Attendance at the conference was discussed.

8. Presentations:

a. California Youth Connection: Ms. Deloris Sharp provided a hand-out on Legislative Accomplishments of Foster Youth. Each year Ms. Sharp travels to the California State Capitol to lobby for foster youth rights. To support this trip, Ms. Sharp is selling tickets for a raffle for \$1.00. If you're interested in buying tickets, or have any questions, please contact Ms. Sharp at (209) 230-0195.

b. Youth in Focus: Ms. Marie Pickney attended a Youth in Focus presentation and handed out information about this organization. It's a nonprofit consulting and training organization that promotes youth empowerment, organizational improvement, and community change.

c. Daddy Boot Camp: Mr. Lamar Henderson gave a presentation on Boot Camp for new dads. This is a workshop for first-time fathers.

9. Information Agenda:

- a. Amendment to YOP Contract:** Information was provided with the meeting package.
- b. Amendment to Empower Contract:** Information was provided with the meeting package.
- c. YOP Quarterly Report:** Information was provided with the meeting package.
- d. Empower Quarterly Report:** Information was provided with the meeting package.
- e. DOL Strategic Plan FYs 2006-2011:** Information was provided with the meeting package.

10. Chair Comments/Roundtable/Future Agenda Items: The Vice Chair would like for all council members to receive notification of future Youth Conferences that members might attend.

11. Date, Time and Location of Next Youth Council Meeting: Next meeting is January 10, 2007, 4:00 p.m, MCOE, Room J-2, 632 W. 13th Street, Merced.

12. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Patricia C. Hinson.