Workforce Investment Board of Merced County
Youth Council
MC Office of Education, Newbold Room
632 W. 13th Street, Merced, CA
Wednesday, October 8, 2008 – 4-5:30 p.m.
Meeting Minutes

Today's Youth . . . Tomorrow's Leaders
MERCED COUNTY YOUTH COUNCIL

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

Members Present: Stephanie Busbea, Claudia Corchado (Vice Chair), Martha Dueñas, Alexander Hall, Kathy Hassett, Taide Hernandez, Holly Newlon, Rick Osorio, Rebecca Rodriguez-Lincoln, Nancy A. Silva, Vann (Mike) Smith

Members Absent: Bob Bittner, Rennise Ferrario (Chair), Mary Jane Hawkes, Richard Mahacek, Stefani Martinez, Edgar Perez, Deloris Sharp, Nancy Vega-Mendoza

Others Present: Lee Andersen, Patricia Evans, Dee Knight, Alfredo Mendoza

1. Call to Order/Roll Call: The Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. Roll call was taken.

2. Approved Agenda: It was *M/S/C Hassett/Silva* to approve the agenda.

3. Approve Minutes: It was *M/S/C Hall/Smith* to approve the August 19, 2008 minutes.

4. Public Opportunity to Speak: None.

5. Announcements: Ms. Taide Hernandez noted the Annual Teen Summit (ages 14-19) would be held on Oct 25, 2008, at the Boys & Girls Club. There will be several workshops. Anyone interested in setting up a booth, please call her at 357-8224. Also, donations are being accepted to put together "goody bags" for the kids.

Ms. Kathy Hassett noted there would be a "Pedal Merced" on Sunday, Oct 12, 2008, at 10 a.m., beginning and ending at Merced High School (using the bike path). All youth must be 18 years or younger and accompanied by an adult. Lunch will be provided, and the cost is $25 per family or $10 per person. They also need volunteers to help with the registration at Merced High School.

The Chair distributed flyers on the Binational Festival of Health and Life, which will be Saturday, Oct 11, 2008, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., at the Merced Flea & Farmers Market. Free health assessments will be given to everyone who attends.

Mr. Lee Andersen noted "Lights On After School" would be Thursday, Oct 16, 2008, 6-8:30 p.m., on Main Street and Bob Hart Square. This is a free event for families, and many activities and entertainment will be provided. Also, at the same time the Merced Arts Council is having the "Art Hop" in the same location, which is also free. The Multicultural Arts Center will be open, and several businesses on Main Street will be open with art on display.

6. Action Agenda:

a. Youth Program Funding Levels: It was *M/S/C Smith/Osorio (abstain Newlon/Rodriguez-Lincoln)* to recommend to the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) that the funding levels for PY 2009/10 be 50% for younger youth and 50% for older youth.

b. Amendment to In-School Youth Contract: It was *M/S/C Osorio/Hall (abstain Newlon/-Rodriguez-Lincoln)* to recommend to the WIB that the In-School Youth carryover funds be split 50/50 to younger youth and older youth programs, and then forward to the Board of Supervisor (BOS) for approval.

Staff was asked to change the percentages in the last paragraph.

c. Amendment to Out-of-School Youth Contract: It was *M/S/C Hall/Hassett (abstain Newlon/-Rodriguez-Lincoln)* to recommend to the WIB that the Out-of-School Youth carryover funds be split 50/50 to younger youth and older youth programs, and forward to the BOS for approval.

d. Youth Council Membership – Patricia Evans: It was *M/S/C Hall/Smith* to approve Ms. Evans' application for membership, and forward to the WIB for approval.

7. Discussion:

a. and b. YOP and Empower Quarterly Reports (Apr-Jun): Ms. Becky Rodriguez-Lincoln gave an overview of the YOP and Empower quarterly reports. She noted the Summer Youth Program was a success, and the focus of the curriculum was on Employability Portfolio and Financial Literacy. She asked everyone to take note of the Success Stories. The Empower Workshop is held every other month, and the next one will start Nov 7, 2008, 9 a.m. A schedule will be distributed at the next meeting.

8. Presentations:

a. Video: A Vision of Students Today: The students in this video grew up in a digital environment. After watching the video, Mr. Lee Andersen facilitated a discussion on the use of electronics. He noted our educational system is way behind in the use of electronics. Our students today are "digital natives", and the majority of adults are "digital immigrants". The following topics were discussed: 1) Laptop Programs, 2) Smart Boards (electronic blackboards), 3) Generational Groups, and 4) Wireless Access System.

Another video, "Shake It Up", was presented that dealt with the new world of educational training. Mr. Anderson suggested that the Youth Council have a presentation from an educator who is well informed on the use of modern technology, and a few students who have opinions on the use of technology.

9. Information Agenda:

a. CWA Youth Conference: Staff noted the Youth Conference would be Jan 20-22, 2009, in Long Beach, CA. The Youth Council can send two people. Anyone interested in attending, please call Mr. Mendoza at 724-2044. This will be an agenda item at the next meeting.

10. Chair Comments/Roundtable/Future Agenda Item: The Vice Chair asked staff to call those inactive members to find out if they are still interested in being a part of the Youth Council.

The Vice Chair noted a focus group would be formed to contact youth to find out what kinds of things they would like on the website, and what would be helpful to them.

Future agenda item is to have students come and express their opinions on the use of technology.

11. Date, Time and Location of Next Youth Council Meeting: November 12, 2008, 4:00 p.m., Merced County Office of Education, Newbold Room, 632 W 13th Street, Merced.

12. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Dee Knight