



San Benito County
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Youth Employment Program Council
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MINUTES

Present: Kathi Bosworth, Denise Ceballos, Tad Coatsworth, Martha Martinez, Patrick Turturici, Mike Walters, David Wright, Patty Wright

Absent: Elena de la Puerta, Duane Morgan, Ashley Olvera, Cindy Silva

Staff: Andi Anderson, Sylvia Jacquez, Maria Fehl

Guests: Tony LaMonica

Co-Chair, Tad Coatsworth, called the meeting to order at: 4:03 P.M.

1. **Public Comment Period:** Everyone present introduced themselves. No public comments were received.
2. **YEP Council Minutes:** The minutes of the July 18, 2006 approved as presented. Denise Ceballos abstained. **M/S/C David Wright/ Martha Martinez.**
3. **Youth Updates:** Sylvia provided an update on youth activities including the Educational Component. Sylvia reported that 30-40 youth were served this summer. Most have returned to school. The Educational Component was held on the 2nd and 3rd weeks in August at the Briggs Building. Annette Hernandez provided the training and reports are that the youth really enjoyed the training. Skills taught included: budgeting, internet research, life skills, understanding taxes, credit/identity theft, etc. Guest speakers from Gavilan College, ROP, Washington Mutual and other local agencies provided good information to the students wishing to pursue further education. Surveys indicated that students felt the one-week class was sufficient, worthwhile and fun. Maria Fehl stated that next year a formal MOU will be developed between CSWD and Gavilan College for the Educational Component. Maria explained how youth are selected for the training. Most of the youth are high-risk, referred by probation, and Pinnacles schools.
4. **Community Updates:**
 - A. **Gang Education Forum:** Maria Fehl reported that the Gang Taskforce and the Hollister Youth Alliance (HYA) are co-sponsoring a Gang Education Forum on Wednesday October 18, 2006 at the Veteran's Memorial Building, 649 San Benito Street, Hollister from 6:30-8pm.
 - B. **Leadership Team DVD:** Patrick Turturici, of the Sheriff's Department, discussed a DVD that was created and produced by the Leadership Team. He stated that youth were involved in the production of the entire video. Youth as well as former gang members were interviewed for the video. The video is targeted at 5-6th grade youth to teach them the signs and dangers of gang involvement and is 20 minutes. Currently the video is being aired on CMAP and being presented at school assemblies. Andi suggested contacting Robert Flores to translate into Spanish.

5. **Committees:** Discussion was held regarding the possibility of forming committees for various activities.
 - A. **Apprenticeship Exploratory Committee:** Mike Walters brought up an apprenticeship program that was discussed at the WIB retreat and stated that he would be interested in exploring the idea of an apprenticeship program. Tad Coatsworth stated that an apprenticeship program is in place in San Jose where youth assist with contracted vocations. After discussion, those interested in an “apprenticeship exploratory committee” was: Kathi Bosworth, Mike Walters, David Wright, Tad Coatsworth.
 - B. **YEP Directory Committee:** Discussion was held in reference to the distribution of the YEP Directories. David Wright suggested that a follow-up survey be conducted in order to find out if the directories were distributed, what the response from youth was, and also to also receive feedback on whether or not youth found them helpful. Patty Wright stated that she is interested in chairing this YEP Directory committee.
6. **YEP Board Membership:**
 - A. An updated Roster was provided to members.
 - B. An application was received from Officer Tony LaMonica of the Hollister Police Department. Officer LaMonica introduced himself and stated that he is very interested in youth issues and currently serves as a youth pastor at a local church. After discussion the YEP Council moved to forward the application of Officer LaMonica to the WIB for approval. Upon WIB approval, the application will be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors for appointment to the board. **M/S/C Kathi Bosworth/David Wright.**
 - C. Andi Anderson reported that Ashley Olvera needs to resign due to work & school schedule. Andi has left a phone message and an e-mail with Ashley requesting a formal resignation.
 - D. Cindy Silva will resigning and Denise Ceballos would like to appoint Alana Mendoza. Once an official resignation from Cindy Silva is received, Alana will submit an application to replace Cindy.
7. **YEP Retreat/Training:** Discussion was held regarding the possibility of a YEP Council Training/Retreat. Recently CSWS staff sponsored a training/retreat for the Community Action Board and the Workforce Investment Board, which were very successful. Mike stated that the training was good. Maria Fehl explained what the training would consist of and how it would be beneficial to the members. After discussion a date of October 6, 2006 was decided upon. Maria Fehl will check with San Juan Oaks and the retreat facilitator to see if this date will work for them. Staff will notify YEP Council members of the details once they have been made.
8. **Additional information:** A Health Fair is scheduled for Tuesday, September 26, 2006 at the Veteran’s Memorial Building from 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 P.M. **M/S/C Mike Walters/David Wright.**