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Youth Employment Program Council
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MINUTES

- Present:** Kathi Bosworth, Tad Coatsworth, Elena DeLaPuerta, Nora Jimenez, Pat Turturici, Mike Walters, David Wright
- Absent:** Denise Ceballos, Tony LaMonica, Martha Martinez, Duane Morgan, Patty Wright
- Staff:** Andi Anderson, Sylvia Jacquez, Maria Fehl
- Guests:** Alanna Mendoza, Josie Moreno, Maggie Gomez

Co-Chair, Tad Coatsworth, called the meeting to order at 4:07 P.M.

- I. **Public Comment Period:** Guests introduced themselves. Josie Moreno, Youth Counselor, Apostolic Bible Learning Center (ABLC), distributed flyers for a youth program, "The Challenges of Youth", which is an intervention program that will be held July 30-August 4, 2007 and is free to the community. The youth program will include topics such as, self-esteem, dating & marriage, drugs/alcohol and overcoming fear. Josie, a former CSWD intern, assisted with the WIA Educational Component.
- II. **Guest Speaker:** Esther Gamberutti, Department of Industrial Relations – CA Apprenticeship Programs, was unable to attend today's meeting.
- III. **YEP Council Minutes:** The minutes of the September 19, 2006 meeting were approved as presented. **M/S/C* Mike Walters/David Wright.**
- IV. **YEP Board Membership:**
 - A. A letter of resignation was received from Ashley Olvera, In-School Youth Representative. Recruitment is being conducted to fill her vacancy. Andi Anderson stated that Tony LaMonica has several youth that are interested in participating on the YEP Council.
 - B. A letter of resignation was received from Cindy Silva, Out-of-School Youth Representative. An application was received from Alanna Mendoza, Youth Employment Opportunity Program (YEOP) Specialist. After review, the YEP Council approved forwarding the application of Alanna Mendoza to the WIB for appointment to the YEP Council. **M/S/C Kathi Bosworth/David Wright.**
 - C. An application was received from Nora Jimenez, San Benito High School, Workability II Counselor. After review, the YEP Council approved forwarding the application of Nora Jimenez to the WIB for appointment to the YEP Council. **M/S/C Kathi Bosworth/David Wright.**
- V. **Participation of WIA Youth on the YEP Council:** Maria Fehl suggested making participation in the YEP Council part of WIA Youth Work Experience Program. Part of the requirement is to have the youth attend the YEP Council meetings. Credit for government class may be given. After discussion, the YEP Council approved including YEP Council

participation as part of the WIA Youth Work Experience Program. **M/S/C Kathi Bosworth/Pat Turturici.**

VI. Youth Updates:

- A. **Youth Programs:** Alanna stated that the Youth Employment and Career Job Fair planning meeting date has been scheduled for January 31, 2007 at 2:00 P.M. at the One-Stop Career Center.
- B. **Youth Report:** Sylvia Jacquez distributed a reformed operations report. Community Action Board (CAB) members have requested that a quarterly report be presented to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) that provides an overview of all the CSWD activities. This report will cover all grant funding sources for WIA & CAB. After discussion the YEP Council approved the report format. The report will be distributed on a quarterly basis. **M/S/C David Wright/Kathi Bosworth.**

VII. Community Updates:

- A. David Wright stated that the Hollister Odd Fellows has donated over \$1200 for the next YEP Services directory update!
- B. Kathi Bosworth stated that the South County Regional Occupational Program (SCROP) spring semester will be starting up shortly. The dental program has been filled. The Certified Nursing Assistant (CAN) program has openings available.
- C. Pat Turturici stated that the Deputy Explorer Program is accepting applications for youth ages 14-18. Applications can be obtained by contacting Deputy Brian Penny at the Sheriff's Office 636-4080. For more information, check out their website at: www.sbcsheriff.org. A mini background check is conducted, and youth must maintain a "C" average in school. The Sheriff Explorer Program has recently been revamped and the School Resource officer will be working with youth at the high school to get the word out. Pat requested that the Sheriff's Office be included in Youth Employment and Career Job Fair.
- D. Andi Anderson stated that the YEP Council has expressed an interest in viewing the Leadership Team video, "You Can't Get There from Here". Staff will schedule a viewing for the next meeting. The video is approximately 15-20 minutes. Elena DeLaPuerta suggested contacting Diane Ortiz, Hollister Youth Alliance, to schedule a viewing with the "Kids Club".

VIII. Updates on Committees:

A. Apprenticeship Exploratory Committee:

- 1. Kathi Bosworth distributed the Agenda/Minutes of the Apprenticeship Exploratory Committee which met on January 10, 2007. Kathi stated that Esther Gamberutti, CA Apprenticeship, Department of Industrial Relations, shared the barriers to existing apprenticeship programs, etc. Included in the minutes were: 1) barriers, 2) steps to connect to existing programs, and 3) steps to expand apprenticeship opportunities.
- 2. Topics discussed were: 1) spotlighting trades early, (such as at the 9th grade orientation), 2) the need for ongoing exposure to the trades, 3) worthiness of the trades, 4) promotion more than just on career day, 5) having youthful graduates present to youth, 6) clubs as a source of peer influence and 7) training counselors on the benefits of promoting apprenticeship programs.
- 3. Nora Jimenez stated that there should be active participation from the schools so that programs can be implemented at the schools. Kathi stated that the YEP Council needs

support from the WIB to move forward to be able to support the schools. Right now, the goal is to make suggestions on how to implement the focus on apprenticeships. Once that is accomplished the YEP Council can move forward to find a way to educate the counselors and they, in turn, will promote apprenticeship programs to the students. Josie Moreno suggested outreaching to parents since many of them are first time residents, Spanish speaking and often are not aware of the opportunities available to their children. Contact persons for apprenticeships are: Elena DeLaPuerta/San Andreas School, Alanna Mendoza/YEOP, Tad Coatsworth/Local Union #104, Nora Jimenez/San Benito High School, and Josie Moreno/ABL Ministries. After discussion the YEP Council approved forwarding their findings to the WIB to determine the next step. **M/S/C Elena DeLaPuerta/Mike Walters.**

- B. **Basic Construction Skills Committee:** David Wright stated Sherrean Carr, Dean of Technical Services at Gavilan, has been discussing developing a basic construction skills class at Gavilan College. There is a need in the local area and this would be beneficial for the construction boom that is expected once the sewer moratorium is lifted. David stated that he drafted a curriculum and is awaiting approval before moving forward with the class. This may tie in with the apprenticeship program.

IX. YEP Board Retreat: The results of the YEP Council Board Retreat, which was held on October 13, 2006 at San Juan Oaks, were distributed. The date for the 2007 retreat has been scheduled for Tuesday, April 3, 2007 from 9:00 A.M. to approximately 2:00 P.M. at San Juan Oaks. This retreat will combine WIB & YEP Council boards. Topics for discussion will be on the roles & responsibilities of the WIB & YEP and goal setting for the next fiscal year which begins July 1st.

- X. **Additional Information:** Maria Fehl stated that the mandatory ethics training is now available on-line. The training takes approximately 45 minutes to complete. Once completed, a certificate is provided. She requested that all YEP Council members complete the on-line training and submit the certificate to the CSWD staff for their records. Web-site: www.fppc.ca.gov.

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 P.M. M/S/C Elena DeLaPuerta/Kathi Bosworth.

The next YEP Council meeting will be held on March 20, 2007.

*** M/S/C Motion/Second/Concur**