



San Benito County
Workforce Investment Board
Youth Employment Program Council
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Bi-Monthly Meeting
1111 San Felipe Road Suite 108, Hollister, CA 95023
March 20, 2007 at 4:00 pm
MINUTES

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

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

1. **Public Comment Period:** Introductions were made by everyone present.
2. **View DVD “You Cant’ Get there...From Here”:** Developed by Leadership San Benito Class of 2006, the video is targeted at youth with the intent of deterring them from gang involvement. The YEP members watched the video. Afterwards Pat Turturici explained that the inmates who appeared in the video have not returned to jail since participating in this project. The woman in the video who had a tattoo on her forehead is doing really well and was invited to speak at the premiere of the video. The San Benito County Sheriff offered to pay to have her tattoo removed. Pat stated that the video has been receiving a good response from the community. He also stated that the video won the WAVE award for best amateur video. Discussed the target population for the video, the effect that it has had on the community and youth as well as parents. Discussed a follow-up plan to keep the information current. There are over 90 volunteers from Hillside Christian Fellowship that come into the jail to minister to inmates. Recently the jail hired a program manager to assist the inmates with networking in the community. All of these efforts are helping to deter the gang problem.
3. **YEP Board Membership:** An application was received from Josie Moreno. Josie attended a previous YEP meeting and introduced herself and stated her interest in being on the YEP Council. Maria Fehl stated that Josie would be filling a mandated position. She was a previous WIA participant and wants to give back to the community. After discussion, the YEP Council approved forwarding the application of Josie Moreno to the full WIB for appointment to the YEP Council. **M/S/C David Wright/Mike Walters.**
4. **Youth Employment & Career Fair:** Staff provided update on the Youth Employment & Career Fair which is scheduled for April 19, 2007 at the Veterans Memorial Building from 2-5 P.M. The targeted population is youth ages 16-21. Currently there are 15 support services agencies planning to attend the event. Alanna Mendoza distributed a list of employers who have been invited so far. Tony LaMonica of the Sheriff’s Department

stated that he is planning on attending. Nora Jimenez provided a list of agencies who have committed to services/attendance. Alanna stated that YEOP staff is having a difficult time getting employers to participate. In past individuals of all ages attended looking for employment opportunities, not just youth. Discussed ways to encourage employers to participate and it was suggested that for next year, it be promoted as an employment- resource fair rather than a job fair. For those interested in participating in the planning, the Youth Employment & Career Fair meetings are held every Thursday at the One-Stop at 2:30 P.M.

5. **Youth Updates:** Laura Schipper reported that 19 youth are enrolled in the Youth Experience program. Three are ready to exit, having moved on to college or employment. Six will be finishing high school. Funding is currently available for youth ages 16-21, (targeted youth are juniors & seniors and out-of-school youth), for employment opportunities. The Community Party included flyers in their weekly food distribution bags, flyers have gone to Health & Human Services Agency staff, and an ad was placed in the Pinnacle newspaper. Nora stated that Workability youth have received the information as well.
6. **Community Updates:**
 - A. Pat Turturici stated “Youth in Government” day is scheduled for April 17, 2007 and is sponsored by the Rotary and youth check in is 8:00 A.M.
 - B. Maria Fehl stated that CSWD is working on a grant to purchase a building to house homeless youth, specifically foster youth who have reached the age of 18 and transitioned out of the foster care system. Tony LaMonica stated that Hillside Christian Fellowship is working on opening a home for youth as well. They recently opened the “Bridge of Hope” transitional home for women, and have a home in the works for men. Another home has been donated and they are exploring options to house youth.
 - C. Patty Wright stated that “Relay for Life” is looking for volunteers for the event to be held on August 3-4, 2007. This would be a great volunteer opportunity for youth. Contact Denise Buessing, Phone: (408)871-1062, Fax: (408)871-2993, Email: Denise.Buessing@cancer.org
7. **Updates on Committees:**
 - A. **Apprenticeship Exploratory Committee:** Table to next meeting.
 - B. **Basic Construction Skills Committee:** Discussed a Tri-County collaborative that is in the works. David Wright has written the curriculum which has been accepted by Gavilan College. Classes will begin in September, and David will be teaching.
8. **YEP Board Retreat:** The YEP Retreat is scheduled for Tuesday, April 3, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. at San Juan Oaks.
9. **Additional information:** Kathi Bosworth discussed the Challenge Day DVD and requested that a viewing be agendaize for the next meeting. The video is on anti-bullying and anti-violence.

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 P.M. M/S/C Mike Walters/Pat Turturici.

The next YEP Council meeting will be held May 15, 2007 at 4:00 P.M.

** Motion/Second/Concur*