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January 20, 2009 at 4:00 pm
1111 San Felipe Road Suite 108, Hollister, CA 95023
Bi-Monthly Meeting
Minutes

Present: Tad Coatsworth, Tony LaMonica, Joe Torquato, Mike Walters

Absent: Kathi Bosworth, Marla Davies, Elena DeLaPuerta, Josie Moreno, Alice Rivera, David Wright

Staff: Andi Anderson, Enrique Arreola, Laura Schipper

Chair, Tad Coatsworth, called the meeting to order at 4:10 P.M.

I. **Public Comment Period:** Introductions were made by everyone present. Mike Walters stated that with the slow economic times in the mortgage industry, he is subbing at the high school. Joe Torquato introduced himself and stated he is a long-time San Benito County resident. He is the father of 3 girls, ages 21, 14 & 8. He stated he has a heart for youth employment and is excited to be serving on the board.

II. **Regular Agenda:**

A. **YEP Council Minutes:** Due to the lack of a quorum the minutes of the November 18, 2008 meeting were not approved.

B. **YEP Board Membership:**

1. No applications were received to be considered for appointment to the YEP Council.
2. An application was received for membership to the Youth Employment Program (YEP) Council from Joseph M. Torquato. The Full WIB approved the appointment of Joseph M. Torquato as a member to the YEP Council at the January 13, 2008 meeting and his application is pending ratification from the Board of Supervisors.
3. Staff and Board Members discussed recruitment efforts to fill the required vacant positions of In-School Youth, Out of School Youth and In-School Youth Parent. Laura Schipper has several youth parents who may be interested. Enrique Arreola suggested that Laura make a personal connection with them and follow-up with a letter inviting them to join the board. Mike Walters will speak with some individuals at the high school about getting youth to attend. YEOP is recruiting youth at this time also. Joe Torquato indicated he will touch base with Anzar High School. Age is 14-21. Mike suggested giving a presentation during youth orientation at the high school.

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- C. **Youth Updates:** Laura Schipper stated that all CSBG funding has been expended for younger youth. Last year CSWD receive approximately \$69,000 in CSBG funding. These funds were used to hire younger youth for summer employment. Under current WIA funding there are currently 20 youth enrolled and working. ½ are currently enrolled in Gavilan or some other College. 225 youth are on a waiting list at the One-Stop. Several of our former youth have been hired on by the employers they worked for through the program.
- D. **Updates on Committees:** The YEP Council Planning Committee will be meeting on Friday, January 23, 2009 at 10:00 A.M. to strategize and recommend to the WIB priorities and strategies for the 2009 LWIA plan. Committee members are: Marla Davies, Laura Schipper, Josie Moreno, Alice Rivera. Anyone wishing to attend the meeting is welcome. Members were encouraged to forward any suggestions to the committee.
- E. **Grant Updates:** The quarterly report was attached for review.
- F. **Unemployment November Report:** The EDD Unemployment Report for November was attached for board review and information. Enrique Arreola explained unemployment trends in San Benito County.
- G. **WIA Funding:** Enrique Arreola updated the board on the additional funds allocated to WIA. San Benito County received \$125,000; \$100,000 for WIA programs, \$25,000 for EDD. Staff is awaiting direction from the State on how to allocate the funding. Staff will report at the next meeting.
- H. **One Stop Career Center Update:**
1. The quarterly newsletter was attached for board information. Staff's goal is to make the newsletter more seamless for the public and partners, and will now be going from quarterly to bimonthly. There will be three areas highlighted: 1) Internal programs at the One-Stop, 2) Partner Highlights and 3) Employers and/or Schools.
 2. Staff will update the board of upcoming workshops and distributed a workshop calendar. Staff is working to have more workshops on a consistent basis as well as youth specific workshops in the future. Because of the importance of financial literacy staff is working with WaMU to provide those.
 3. A tour and presentation of the One Stop Career Center took place prior to today's meeting
- I. **Community Updates:** Members provided updates regarding local activities, news and or events pertaining to youth.
1. At previous meeting Marla Davies discussed a workshop for on-line applications. Once she has the dates set for the workshop, she will forward the information to Andi Anderson for distribution.
 2. A Career Fair was held in November at the High School and approximately 2700 youth attended. Mike explained the one-on-one counseling each youth received prior to the event to prep them on the proper clothing, what to say, etc.
 3. April is Child Abuse month and the Child Abuse Prevention Council planning a community event for April.

III. **Additional information:** None

The meeting adjourned at 5:02 P.M.

The next Youth Employment Council Meeting will be on March 17, 2009 at 4:00 p.m.