

Fresno County Economic Opportunities Commission

TEAM TWENTY ONE

April 14, 2009
12:00 noon
HR Training Room
1900 Mariposa Mall Suite 125

Members Present

Marisela Carrillo
Stephanie Fritzsching
Susan Hernandez
Arquilla Horn
Florine Porter
Pauline Real
Pearl Reyes
Elisa Sgambellone
Brandy Tarquino
Sarah Worthen (for
Evelyn Gonzalez)

HR Staff Present

Deidre Braun
Carmen Lopez
Christina Torno

Exec. Office Staff Present

Yahaira Garcia-Perea
Debbie Grove

Members Absent

Robert Cardenas
Lola Mireles
Norma Berumen

MINUTES

I. **Call to Order, Introductions:**

- Meeting called to order by Yahaira Garcia-Perea at 12:05 pm.
- All members introduced themselves. Deidre Braun was introduced as a new Human Resources staff member.

II. **Employee Feedback:**

- Recognition Celebration (February 6)
 - Members reported that they enjoyed the venue and entertainment (Buchanan High School Latin Dance Group).
- Employee Appreciation – Fiesta (March 12)
 - Members reported that it was very nice. Everyone loved the music and the food. One member reported that Food Services served the best nachos. Another member commented on the awesome decorations.
- Road to Wellness
 - A member reported that it was nice to see that participants brought in their health cards to show comparisons on their glucose and cholesterol testing from the beginning of the session to the end and how their health improved.

III. **2009 Employee Activities:**

- Spring Family Day (April 25)
 - This event consists of a dinner (hot dog, drink and chips), free parking and a ticket to the Fresno Grizzlies baseball game. Tickets are still on sale at our HR office.
- Wellness Fair (May 12)
 - Debbie reported that we expect approximately 30 vendors at this year's Wellness Fair. We will have massages from Milan Institute, glucose and cholesterol screening from San Joaquin Valley College (pending confirmation). Also, Food Services will be selling rice bowls (your choice of beef or chicken) for only \$4.50 and fruit skewers for \$1.25. Each vendor will be contributing a raffle prize for our employees.

- Take Action! (May 25, August 3, Oct. 12)
 - Yahaira informed members of the start dates of upcoming Take Action! series.
- Halloween Costume Contest (October 30)
 - Team 21 representatives suggested that employees dressed in costume participate in a Halloween parade. The parade would give individuals who do not have access to the Intranet, the opportunity to see participants in costume.
- Softball Team Update
 - The Diversities II softball games are held each Wednesday at the Regional Sports complex located at 1707 W. Jensen Avenue. The softball schedule is available on the Intranet.
- Bowling Team Update
 - Nine slots are available. Teams are in four. Please contact the HR office for further information or to sign up.

Yahaira introduced a committee sign-up sheet for each of the following employee activities:

- Employee Appreciation (June 18, August 31, Nov. 5)
 - June 18 – ice cream truck; Committee will work with Carmen Lopez and Ana Martinez in Human Resources.
 - August 31 – EOC's birthday celebration. Cake and a beverage will be served. Committee will work with Mike Garcia in Human Resources.
 - November 5, staff will be provided with a pastry and a hot beverage. Committee will work with Linda Davidson in Human Resources.
- Summer Family Day (Saturday, September 12)
 - Family Day will be at the Island Water Park.
 - Committee includes: Stephanie Fritzsching, Early Head Start; Florine Porter, Employment & Training; Christina Torno, Human Resources; Yahaira Garcia-Perea, Executive Office
- Holiday Party (Dec. 4)
 - Yahaira asked the committee to make recommendations to those in charge of this year's holiday party.
 - The Holiday Party Food Drive committee will be responsible for marketing, implementing, and executing food drive efforts. Team 21 recommended that this year's food drive benefit Head Start families.

IV. **Potential Activities:**

- Professional Football Game
 - Members agreed to forego attending a Fresno State baseball and/or football game and, instead, attend a professional football game.
 - Members recommended attending a 49ers game. Preference, if played at home, is to attend a 49ers vs. Packers game
 - Carmen asked committee members to include parking in the cost of the game
- Garment District Trip (October 17)

- Members agreed for the trip to be held on October 17. The cost will be \$30 per person (upon confirmation of bus cost) and we will reserve two buses (dependent upon ticket sales).
- Other Wellness Programs
 - Our Wellness Fair will be held on Tuesday, May 12, 2009.

V. **Program Activities/Announcements:**

- Team 21 Roles/Responsibilities
 - Yahaira reminded members of our roles and responsibilities as a Team 21 member. Representatives were asked to report on their program and its upcoming activities and events. They were also asked to share the information back to their program from the meeting.
- Nora Berumen & Marisela Carillo, Head Start, SACC
 - Head Start is currently recruiting students ages 3-4 for the 2010 school year.
- Stephanie Fritzsching, Early Head Start
 - Early Head Start will be receiving a large sum of money from the stimulus package and is looking at potentially expanding the home visitation program and opening another center in Highway City.
- Yahaira Garcia-Perea, Media & Public Relations
 - Agency Spring Newsletter will be sent out this Friday. If you receive the newsletters, please distribute to staff as soon as possible.
 - New agency web site is almost ready to launch. We are working out small details.
 - Food Distribution – The Crisis Relief Fund was established in 2008 and assists Fresno County residents affected by natural disasters. The Crisis Relief Fund is operated by our Agency and counseled by an advisory committee comprised of concerned citizens and city officials from impacted communities. Donations can be made online at www.eoccrisisrelieffund.org <<http://www.eoccrisisrelieffund.org>>.
 - Please visit www.eoccrisisrelieffund.org for dates and locations of future food distributions. The food drive has currently received many donations: \$22,000 from the Westland Water District and \$50,000 from an anonymous donor. These distributions will feed over 4,000 families affected by the water crisis and economic downturn in our county.
- Sarah Worthen (in for Evelyn Gonzalez), Sanctuary Youth Services
 - Reported that Francisco Vizcarrondo who received the 2008 Corpsmember of the Year Award, and now works for LCC has successfully exited TLC and now has his own apartment.
 - Sanctuary Youth Services is also assisting families who have been displaced from the Storyland Motel.

- Susan Hernandez, SOUL
 - SOUL held their prom on April 3, 2009. Over 50 students attended and they had a spectacular time.
 - SOUL is gearing up for summer school
 - SOUL graduation will be June 11th at the Wilson Theatre.
- Carmen Lopez, Human Resources
 - HR staff will be visiting site programs and will provide EOC merchandise for sale, HR forms, discount tickets, and will be available to answer any HR related questions.
- Florine Porter, Employment & Training
 - Florine shared results from their program survey. The survey results, taken by those who use Workforce Connection's Resource Room, show that clients prefer the resources room at the Executive Plaza to the one at Manchester Center.
 - The Resource Room provides clients with computer, fax, and phone access.
- Pauline Real, WIC
 - WIC is looking into possibly opening another site in the Shaw/Brawley area.
- Elisa Sgambellone, LCC
 - April 25, 2009 will be the upcoming Service Day where you can participate in local environmental restoration projects with Generation Green Youth Serve Earth Day. To participate or for more information, please contact HandsOn Central California at 559.237.3101.
 - AmeriCorp recruitment will begin in June for the Fresno Safe and Proud Neighborhoods program. The volunteer service year will begin in October. Volunteers must be at least 18 years of age or older and are eligible to receive a stipend for service.
- Brandy Tarquino, Employment & Training
 - Thanks to ARRA (stimulus money), Summer Youth Employment program is back for youth between the ages of 14-18.
 - Summer Youth Employment flyers are in the process of approval.
 - The Summer Youth Employment Program is currently hiring. Job postings can be found on EOC Web site.
 - Brandy asked Team 21 representatives if they know of any businesses that may be in need of part-time employees (youth) to assist with filing, etc. please contact: Frank Mills, Career Development Specialist at 559.263.11980 or MaryLu Garza, Career Development Specialist at 559.263.1106.
- Richard Vang, Food Services
 - Invited Team 21 representatives to visit the Food Preparation Center located at 3100 W. Nielsen Ave.

VI. **Adjournment:**

- Meeting adjourned at 1:20 pm. Our next meeting will be July 14, 2009.