

Fresno County Economic Opportunities Commission

TEAM TWENTY ONE

October 13, 2009
12:00 Noon
HR Training Room
1900 Mariposa Mall, Suite 125

Members Present

Al Boyd
Marisela Carrillo
Stephanie Fritzsching
Yahaira Garcia-Perea
Evelyn Gonzalez
May Herr
Susan Hernandez
Lisa Rodriguez
Gloria Marshal (for Lola Mireles)
Pauline Real
Richard Vang

Absent

Elvia Alvares
Gilda Arreguin
Nora Berumen
Deidre Braun
Robert Cardenas
Arquilla Horn
Florine Porter
Pearl Reyes
Brandy Tarquino

HR Staff Present

Annabelle Gamez
Ana Martinez

Executive Office Staff Present

Debbie Grove

MINUTES

I. Call to Order, Introductions

- Meeting called to order by Yahaira Garcia-Perea at 12:09 p.m.
- All members introduced themselves.

II. Misc – Preparing for the Census 2010

- Priscilla Saguayo with the U.S. Census Bureau provided information about the 2010 Census. She informed Team 21 representatives about the importance of participating in the Census, debunked myths, and encouraged representatives to educate colleagues, clients and the community. She states that both citizens and non citizens must participate. There will be businesses drop-in sites and assistance available over the phone. Results of the Census will have a huge impact on funding of programs and services throughout the county.

III. Employee Feedback:

- **Employee Appreciation (August 31)**
Program representatives reported that their colleagues enjoyed the employee appreciation / EOC birthday celebration event. Programs not located in the Executive Plaza enjoyed the brownies that were delivered.
- **Rams/49ers Football Game (October 4)**
Participants enjoyed the new, double-decker bus. Suggestions were made to attend a professional football game of any of the following teams that play in California next year: San Diego Chargers, Dallas Cowboys, Oakland Raiders, or Indianapolis Colts.
- **Fresno Fair Tickets**
Staff appreciated that EOC sold Fresno Fair tickets at a discount. Ana in HR reports that 1,500 tickets were sold this year.

IV. 2009 Employee Activities

- **LA Garment District (Oct. 17)**
This trip is sold out. Florine Porter is the contact for this year's trip. Bus will depart at 7:30 a.m. and will return at 9:00 p.m. If staff lost their tickets or sold them to someone else, they must contact HR immediately to avoid confusion the day of the trip.
- **Halloween Costume Contest/Parade (Oct. 30)**
The Halloween Costume Contest will be held on Friday, October 30, 2009. Programs not located in the Executive Plaza must submit their electronic pictures to Mike Garcia, in HR before 1:00 p.m. There will be a Halloween parade of all employees who dressed up. Please encourage employees to observe the parade from the balcony.
- **Employee Appreciation (Nov. 5)**
Baklava and coffee will be served at this event beginning at 10:00 a.m. Programs not located in the Executive Plaza will provide their count to Linda or Ana for distribution at their location.

- **Holiday Party (Dec. 11)**
 - This year's holiday party will be held Friday, December 11, 2009, at The Golden Palace on Clinton just west of Hwy 99. Tickets are \$18/person; ticket price includes a sit-down dinner (catered by The Golden Palace) and dancing.
 - The theme is Holiday in Hawaii. Costume is encouraged but not required.
 - There will be a centerpiece decorating contest. Each program should bring a centerpiece the day of the event. The theme of the centerpiece is also Holiday in Hawaii.
 - Fundraisers (EHS/HS In-Service & Upcoming Halloween Basket Raffle) – A gift basket raffled during the EHS / HS In-Service netted \$615.62 for Team 21.
 - Another fundraiser – a bake sale / breakfast sale – will be held Friday, October 16, 2009, in the Breezeway. Lisa Rodriguez with Weatherization, Debbie Grove with Executive Office and Susan Hernandez volunteered to bring baked goods / breakfast items.
 - We are looking for a DJ. If Team 21 participants know of any DJs, please contact Yahaira ASAP.

V. Potential Activities

• Craft Classes & Craft Fair

- Yahaira has placed a notice on the intranet calling all craft men and women. If you know of an employee who would be interested in sharing their talent, please contact Yahaira.
- Craft Fair – Yahaira will be placing a notice on the intranet for those who would like to participate in a craft fair this year. We are looking at the first/second week of December.

VI. Program Activities/Announcements

- **Nora Berumen, Marisela Carillo (May Herr), Head Start, SACC** – Head Start Open Houses starts Monday 10/13 and ends 10/15. Time: 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. with full day and extended day from 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
- **Al Boyd, LCC** – LCC has moved. The new office is located at 1805 California/B Street behind the Rudy L. Pharmacy. The former LCC site is serving as LCC's/YouthBuild charter school; it will be moving to the new building in December. LCC charter school is for young adults ages 18-24 only. Currently there are 85 students enrolled. The official open house will be held next year.
- **Stephanie Fritzsching, Early Head Start** – Early Head Start's Open House is also this week. EHS will relocate to the former LCC building soon. The program also received ARRA funding and thus will be doubling in size and expanding its locations.
- **Yahaira García-Perea, Media & Public Relations** – Summer / Fall newsletters have been distributed. She reminded program representatives to please inform her if they have any success stories, received a grant, are moving, etc., so an article can be posted on the Intranet.
- **Evelyn Gonzalez, Sanctuary Youth Services** –
 - Sanctuary Youth Services is in the process of planning events/activities to promote November as National Runaway Prevention Month. More information on the events/activities will be provided when finalized.
 - Sanctuary Youth Services will host Art Hop on Thursday, December 3rd. They plan on auctioning art created by program participants to raise funds for the Shelter. More information on the event will be posted on the Intranet.
 - On December 21, Sanctuary will host its annual "Making Spirits Bright" event. Thirty needy families will benefit from this event. If individuals/programs are interested in helping these families, they can contact Jose Martinez at 498.8543 for more information.
 - TLC will host its recognition dinner on October 29th.
 - Sanctuary Youth Center for Cultural Arts held its second performance – *The Crucible*. Susan Hernandez added that participating in the play was a good experience for the kids.
 - Sanctuary Youth Services is looking for a case manager for a new program servicing 18-30 year-old homeless young adults.
- **Susan Hernandez, SOUL** – SOUL is currently enrolling students for the independent study program only. SOUL's career class is in the process of fundraising and is having car washes. Car washes will be conducted for the next few weeks.
- **Ana Martinez, Human Resources** –
 - Introduced the newest member of the HR team, Annabelle Gamez, Senior Analyst.
 - All See's Candy orders are due no later than Friday, October 16, 2009, to Ana.
 - Health and Welfare open enrollment will be Dec 1 -15.
 - HR held a Wellness Fair at Transit /Food Services a few weeks ago.
- **Gloria Marshal for Lola Mireles, HEAP** – HEAP and SOS are sharing a booth at the Fresno Fair that is located right outside the Horse Racing grandstands.

- **Pauline Real, WIC** – WIC is currently undergoing a big transition: new vouchers are being issued and each client must participate in an orientation on how to use the new vouchers. WIC is also in the process of opening new locations at the Willow/Kings Canyon area, near the Ivy Center, and in Pinedale.

VII. Closing Remarks

- Next meeting will be January 12, 2010
- Yahaira stated that Dawn will be sending AED's an email later this year reminding them to select new Team 21 Representatives.
- Holiday Party Wrap-Up TBD – Yahaira will contact team members if one last meeting is required prior to the Holiday Party.
- Head Start See's Candies sales totaled \$3,381.15.
- This will be Yahaira's last meeting; Deidre Braun from HR will be taking over starting January, 2010 as Team 21 leader.

VIII. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.