

Youth Council
Thursday, AUGUST 10, 2006

Minutes

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

WVWDB President Doloris Vest called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Members present: **Wanda Anthony**, Goodwill Industries of the Valleys WIA Youth Program; **Laura Elliott**, Junior Achievement, Roanoke; **Jennifer Unroe**, 4-H Youth Development; ; **Harriet Woodward**, Alleghany/Covington Department of Social Services; **Bill Zimmerman**, Diversion Program; **Jodylee Edsall**, Roanoke County Schools; **Ron Jones**, TAP This Valley Works; **Michele Wells**, Virginia Department of Rehabilitative Services;

Members absent: **Paul Paradzinski**, chair, Craig County; **Marion Vaughn-Howard**, Roanoke Department of Park and Recreation Youth Services Division;

Staff present: **Doloris Vest**, WDB president; **Glenda Aker**, administrative assistant

Guests present: **Lisa Meek**, Old Dominion Job Corps

A quorum was present

II. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Zimmerman moved that the minutes for March 14, April 11, May 11, and July 13, 2006 meetings be approved. Ms. Elliott seconded the motion. The motion was passed on a voice vote.

III. Reports

A. Youth Programs – Goodwill Industries of the Valleys:

- Ms. Anthony reported Goodwill's has started their new year with 40 younger youth enrolled and a goal of 91. Older Youth has 18 with a goal of 39. She voiced pleasure with the new year and the number of referrals. Several youths in the summer job program have been hired for fall. Food Lion is really helping out with jobs.

B. WDB Board Update:

Ms. Vest reported the following:

- LWIA III exceeded 16 of the 17 mandated performance measures in PY2005-06 and met the remaining measure. Area III is now eligible to apply for incentive funds from the state.
- Area II (New River Valley area) conducted a day-long youth forum, "Highlight the Emerging Workforce," in early August and Ms. Vest, Mr. Paradzinski and Lisa Meek attended. Danny LaBlanc spoke.
- Roanoke City has been approached by the EPA with a grant to do job training for people to work in Brownfield cleanup project. The city has contacted the board which is coordinating efforts of partners TAP, Goodwill, VEC, Virginia Western, and Roanoke Redevelopment and Housing Authority to work together on this project.

C. Activities:

- Career Meeting - Harriet Woodward reported meeting with Covington Career Committee August 4 as a kick off for the coming year. Covington City has scheduled a Career Fair for elementary students on April 24, 2007 and is planning a Career Fair at Covington High School where employers can come and interview then have a luncheon. An expanded job shadowing activity is planned for the juniors with a luncheon with the employers and to discuss what they learned. Alleghany High School is expanding their senior mentorship program from 3 participants to 30. Seniors will request a job area of interest; the school makes arrangements for students to go to a job site an hour a day during the school year. Planning continues on job shadowing for sophomores, career luncheon in the fall and mock interviewing in the spring. Covington High School and Alleghany High School are planning a Job Fair together.
- Mr. Jones reported Liberty University will play St. Paul's College on Aug 31st in Project Recovery's annual Western Virginia Education Classic football game fundraiser. On September 23rd, Ferrum College will host Shenandoah in the second game.

IV. Unfinished Business

Ms. Vest thanked Ms Woodward and Mr. Zimmerman for returning their information sheets for the Youth Services Program Referral project. Ms. Vest asked the members present today to take several youth services information sheets back to their areas and follow up with each service, updating the data noted on the sheets.

Guest Lisa Meek, a career counselor with the Old Dominion Job Corps, attended today's meeting of the Youth Council.

V. New Business

None

VI. Announcements

Next meeting: Thursday, Sept. 14, at 9 a.m. at the Roanoke Higher Education Center

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Glenda Aker

Glenda Aker, administrative assistant

8/18/06

Date