

**Youth Council**  
**Thursday, September 14, 2006**

**Minutes**

**I. Call to Order and Roll Call**

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Youth Council Chair Paul Paradzinski called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

Members present: **Paul Paradzinski**, chair, Craig County; **Wanda Anthony**, Goodwill Industries of the Valleys WIA Youth Program; **Harriet Woodward**, Alleghany/ Covington Department of Social Services; **Jodylee Edsall**, Roanoke County Schools; **Ron Jones**, TAP This Valley Works; **Michele Wells**, Virginia Department of Rehabilitative Services;

Members absent: **Marion Vaughn-Howard**, Roanoke Department of Park and Recreation Youth Services Division; **Laura Elliott**, Junior Achievement, Roanoke; **Jennifer Unroe**, 4-H Youth Development; **Bill Zimmerman**, Diversion Program;

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

Guests present: **Lisa Meek**, Old Dominion Job Corps; **Melanie Younger**, Workforce System Coordinator; **Sandra King**, Director, 211 VIRGINIA SW Region, Council of Community Services

A quorum was present

**II. Approval of Minutes**

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**Ms. Anthony moved that the minutes for August 10, 2006 meetings be approved. Mr. Jones seconded the motion. The motion was passed on a voice vote.**

**III. Reports**

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A. Youth Programs – Goodwill Industries of the Valleys:

Ms. Anthony reported Goodwill has 41 younger youth enrolled and a goal of 91. Older youth has 22 with a goal of 39. She voiced pleasure with having already attained 26 of their 42 skill goals. Ms. Vest announced that Linda Matthews of Goodwill has received a \$10,000 grant from Wachovia that will be used for Area III youth programs.

B. WDB Board Update:

Ms. Vest reported the following:

- WVVWDB received the state **annual compliance** report with only one item of concern. The cost allocation procedure used in the administrative office was not a formal Board-approved policy.
- LWIA III exceeded 16 of the 17 mandated **performance measures** in PY2005-06 and met the remaining measure. Performance goals for the coming year were adjusted slightly; the focus on customer satisfaction continues.
- Melanie Younger has been named as Workforce System Coordinator, working with all three local workforce centers
- The board will begin work this fall on a new strategic plan.

#### **IV. Presentation**

Sandra King, Director of 211 VIRGINIA SW Region, spoke about the program and its benefits to individuals in Southwest Virginia. The system is an information link to a variety of help any person may need, such victims of domestic violence, affordable health care, in need of child care, support groups, assistance with rent or a utility bill, work initiatives, support for senior with disabilities. Calls to 211 are answered by a trained call specialist who provides information and referrals. They can also help during times of disaster by providing an additional channel of communication for citizens of the Commonwealth. Virginia was the first in the nation to have a statewide information and referral system.

#### **V. Unfinished Business**

Ms. Vest thanked everyone returning their information sheets for the Youth Services Program Referral project. Ms. Vest asked that the remaining sheets be turned in by the next meeting. The council discussed making the information available on the 211 system rather than creating a board specific site.

#### **VI. New Business**

Mr. Paradzinski reported on the VOYCE youth forum held August 3; Ms. Vest Mr. Jones and Laura Elliott also attended. Topics included: What is causing youth to become disconnected? What existing programs does the community consider as assets? What youth programs and services should be developed and implemented to promote positive youth development? Mr. Paradzinski noted that many of the suggested remedies involved entertainment-focused programs. The Council will discuss the report at the next meeting.

Ms Vest reported on "Virginia Youth Workforce Development Practitioner's Conference" to be held on October 30-31 at Hotel Roanoke. Youth Council members are encouraged to attend the free event.

Ms. Vest, Ms. Anthony and Mr. Jones have agreed to participate in the Roanoke County Prevention Council Youth Rally Monday, Sept. 25, with an exhibit at Holiday Inn Tanglewood.

Harriett Woodward discussed Alleghany Highlands' CAPP program and suggested working with them for youth involvement programs.

#### **VII. Announcements**

Next meeting: Thursday, Oct. 12, at 9 a.m. at the Roanoke Higher Education Center

#### **VIII. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Glenda Aker

Glenda Aker, administrative assistant

9/28/06

Date