

**Western Virginia Workforce  
Development Board**

**Youth Council  
Minutes  
January 10, 2006**

**I. Call to Order**

Council Chair Paul Paradzinski called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

**II. Roll Call**

Members present: **Paul Paradzinski**, Chair, Craig County; **Becky Johnson**, MeadWestvaco; **Jennifer Unroe**, 4-H Youth Development; **Marion Vaughn-Howard**, Roanoke Department of Park and Recreation Youth Services Division; **Harriet Woodward**, Alleghany/ Covington Department of Social Services; **Bill Zimmerman**, Diversion Program

Guest members: **Wanda Anthony**, Goodwill Industries of the Valleys WIA Youth Program; **Laura Elliott**, Junior Achievement, Roanoke; **Michele Wells**, Virginia Department of Rehabilitative Services. *Mss. Anthony, Elliott and Wells have been nominated for Youth Council membership, but their appointments have not yet been approved by the CLEO Consortium.*

Guest: **Cindy Goldstein**, Transitional Coordinator Roanoke City Public Schools

Members absent: **Jeri Barnes**, Old Dominion Job Corps Center ; **Jodylee Edsall**, Roanoke County Schools; **Ron Jones**, TAP This Valley Works; **Russ Merritt**, Franklin County YMCA

Staff present: **Doloris Vest**, WDB president; **Anne Cooney**, administrative assistant

A quorum was present.

**III. Approval of Minutes**

**Mr. Zimmerman moved the minutes of the November 15, 2005 meeting be approved. The motion passed unanimously.**

**IV. Reports**

A. Goodwill Industries of the Valleys – Youth Program

Wanda Anthony reported that preparations for the Youth Services summer work experience are underway. Goodwill also plans youth field trips to the workforce centers, and area colleges. Ms. Anthony noted the difficulty recruiting older youth because there is no school contact and they do not visit the workforce center.

Ms. Anthony introduced her guest, Cindy Goldstein, Transitional Coordinator with the Roanoke City Public Schools. Ms. Goldstein often works with Ms. Anthony and is very interested in becoming a member of the Youth Council. Mr. Paradzinski welcomed Ms. Goldstein, and Ms. Vest gave her the information about nominations to the Council.

B. Roanoke City Student Survey Results

Marion Vaughn-Howard reported on the recent Search Institute survey of behavior and beliefs among eighth, 10th and 12th graders in the Roanoke City Schools system. Results showed 26 percent of young people reported involvement in risky behaviors. Ms. Vaughn-Howard is a member of the city's 17-member Youth Council which conducted the survey. Information will be used in the City's comprehensive plan for youth services.

C. WDB Board Update

Ms. Vest reported the following information:

- The Board has completed its application for IRS non-profit status and will submit it soon.
- Congress recessed in December without reauthorizing WIA. It has not been scheduled for a vote in the new session
- Congress approved the appropriations bill reducing funding throughout the Department of Labor.
- The Southwest Virginia Job Fair at Roanoke Civic Center is scheduled for April 6.
- The Program Year 2006 Youth Services contract was awarded to Goodwill. The final amount for this youth program should be approximately \$250,000.
- The Board has not decided yet on the Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Workforce Center proposals.

V. Unfinished Business

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**Mock Interviews:** Ms. Woodward reported on the success of the **10th Grader Career Mock Interviews in Alleghany County** on January 12. Prior to the session Ms Elliott conducted an interview orientation class and distributed related materials. Interviewers also received a package of materials. Several business participants planned to use the opportunity to fill actual opening for the summer. Because of inclement weather, the **Career Brunch** scheduled for January 10 has been postponed to later this spring.

VI. New Business

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**Bylaws:** Ms. Vest suggested the Youth Council enact bylaws to specify procedures for membership, term lengths, conflict of interest etc. Staff will provide samples at the February 14 Council meeting.

Mr. Paradzinski asked the members to consider Council's 2006 goals and priorities in preparation for discussion at the next meeting. Members should e-mail their ideas to the Workforce office for compilation. Ms. Vest will also bring the most recent strategic plan for the Youth Council (probably 2002-2003) to the next Council meeting.

VII. Announcements

- Ms. Vaughn-Howard announced the activities celebrating Martin Luther King Day January 16, including a breakfast, a march across the MLK Bridge to the First Baptist Church in Gainsboro, and a dinner sponsored by the SCLC in Roanoke.
- Dabney S. Lancaster Community College will host a Job Seekers Expo on January 14; Jerry Barnett will exhibit for the Roanoke and Covington Workforce centers.
- Next meeting is Tuesday, February 14.

VIII. Adjournment

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The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

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Date