

Youth Council
Thursday, November 9, 2006

Minutes

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Youth Council Chair Paul Paradzinski called the meeting to order at 9:05 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; **Jennifer Unroe**, 4-H Youth Development; **Lisa Meek**, Old Dominion Job Corps;

Members absent: **Marion Vaughn-Howard**, Roanoke Department of Park and Recreation Youth Services Division; **Laura Elliott**, Junior Achievement, Roanoke; **Michele Wells**, VA Department of Rehabilitation Services; **Bill Zimmerman**, Diversion Program; **Barbara Humphreys**, Franklin County Schools; **Cindy Goldstein**, Roanoke City Schools;

Staff present: **Doloris Vest**, WDB president; **Sherry Dean**, accountant; **Melanie Younger**, Workforce System Coordinator;

Guests present: none

A quorum was present

II. Approval of Minutes

Harriet Woodward moved that the minutes for September 14, 2006 meetings be approved. Ms Edsall 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 has 47 younger youth to date with 41 currently enrolled and a goal of 91. Older Youth has 22 with a goal of 39.](#) She reported she will be working in Rocky Mount starting in December. Linda Matthews will be hiring a new case manager to replace Ms. Anthony in the Salem office.

B. WDB Board Update:

Ms. Vest reported the following:

- LWIA III exceeded 15, met 1, and failed 1 of the 17 mandated performance measures for the first quarter of PY06. The failed measure was for Older Youth Wage Gain and is expected the rise during the next three quarters.
- The Board received the state's annual compliance report containing one finding: The cost allocation procedure used in the administrative office was not a formal Board-approved policy. The compliance reviewer also noted an administrative concern about that the youth council does not have a parent member. Council members were asked to help identify a possible candidate
- The state council has awarded LWIA III a \$50,000 incentive grant for meeting program goals in the past year. Guidelines for this grant have not yet been

received; Ms. Vest indicated the funds would be used to the benefit of all programs which are covered in the performance measures.

IV. Unfinished Business

A. WIA Youth Program Conference Report

Mr. Paradzinski reported he, several council members and Goodwill staff attended this conference on October 30-31. The governor's senior advisor for workforce Danny LaBlanc spoke on the strategic plan to be released in December.

B. Youth Services Forum

Mr. Paradzinski and Ms. Vest attended the state-initiated Youth Services Forum meeting on November 7th. The meeting was to bring together all groups that provide services to disadvantaged youth in order to make the providers aware of each other and to foster cooperative relationships among the groups in order for more youths to be served in multiple ways. He noted that, even though the LWIA III Youth Council is already working in this capacity, not all youth councils around the state are working this same way. Ms. Vest agreed, at the meeting, to chair a local Youth Services Forum which she hopes to tie into our current youth council. The first meeting, for the Youth Services forum, will be January 16 at 9 a.m.. Ms. Vest will distribute more information about this meeting as the meeting date gets closer.

V. New Business

Mr. Paradzinski reported that the LWIA III Strategic Plan would be coming up for revision in the spring of 2007. Ms. Vest reported that staff will receive guidance from the state around February 2007 with plans due to the state in September 2007. Doloris asked that everyone review the youth section of the current strategic plan prior to the next council meeting.

Items coming from a group discussion, on the plan, included

- opening up to more youth,
- career exploration for youth,
- cooperating with other program providers,
- changing the Human Resource Manager environment to opening up to youth, and
- teaching youth business ethics.

Ms. Vest reported that LWIA III finally received its final WIA PY06 grant allocation from the state in October.

VI. Announcements

Harriet Woodward invited everyone to attend the 3rd annual Career Brunch at the Jackson River Technical Center, on Tuesday, November 14th, from noon to 1pm. This brunch is part of the Career Exploration program that Covington and Allegheny County schools have created to introduce students, in high school, to careers by bringing students and businesses together in one place, on one day, in order for students to meet individuals in certain careers and discuss with those individuals the various facets of their careers. The discussions are all inclusive and cover such items as education/training, pay, job duties, and benefits. Ms. Woodward and the youth council agreed that this was a great program and should be looked into for other programs as well.

Ms. Woodward informed the youth council that she had two individuals, Teresa Hammond and Earl Dodrill, she would like to nominate as members. Both of these individuals are with Dabney Lancaster Community College and adding these individuals to the council would bring the community college system into the youth council. Ms. Vest asked that the nominees be made in writing for consideration by the Board of Directors.

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

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Sherry Dean

Sherry Dean, accountant

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Date