

## Youth Council/Forum

Shoney's Restaurant, Daleville, VA  
Thursday, December 13, 2007

### Minutes

#### I. Call to Order

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Board Chair **Paul Paradzinski** called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

#### II. Roll Call

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**Sherry Dean** called the roll. Members present:

**Paul Paradzinski**, Craig County  
**Wanda Anthony**, Goodwill Industries of the Valleys Youth Program  
**Kim Moore**, Disability Program Navigator  
**Harriet Woodward**, Alleghany/Covington Department of Social Services  
**Laura Elliott**, Junior Achievement  
**Cindy Goldstein**, Roanoke City Schools  
**Michele Wells**, VA Department of Rehabilitative Services  
**Jodylee Edsall**, Roanoke County Schools

Members absent:

**Jennifer Unroe**, 4-H Youth Development  
**Barbara Humphreys**, Franklin County Schools  
**Bill Zimmerman**, Diversion Program  
**Marion Vaughn-Howard**, Roanoke City Department of Parks and Recreation Youth Services Division  
**Ron Jones**, TAP This Valley Works  
**Earl Dodrill**, Dabney S. Lancaster Community College

Staff present:

**Doloris Vest**, president  
**Sherry Dean**, accountant/office administrator

A quorum was present.

#### III. Approval of Consent Agenda

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No vote was taken.

#### IV. Reports

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##### A. Youth Programs

1. **Youth Summits:** **Mr. Paradzinski** reported the presentations at the Franklin County event enlightened everyone present to the similarities between organizations and individuals they serve. **Ms. Woodward** reported from the Alleghany County event teen facilitators for youth forum groups were selected to help determine what the community needs are. **Ms. Vest** reported that many attending the Roanoke event were invited to come to the youth council/forum meeting in January and Darlene Burcham, Roanoke City Manager, thanked the youth council for supporting the event. **Ms. Elliott** would like to see youth brought in at some point so they may see all the services available. All council members in attendance agreed that holding three events in Area III helped cover all the

communities. All three areas are different and have different needs. Council members in attendance also thought it would be advantageous to Area III to hold youth provider summit events again in the future. Ms. Vest noted the youth council should keep track of the great things coming from the provider summits so an event can be pursued in the future or use the benefits as leverage when applying for state grant funds.

**B. WDB Board Update: Ms. Vest** reported on the following:

1. **\$30,000 Allocated to Older Youth Program:** At the last board meeting, the board allocated \$30,000 more funding to the older youth program.
2. **Board Retreat Conclusions:** The board recently held a retreat where they decided to form three ad hoc committees to focus on promoting career and technical education, economic development (without taking focus away from the hard to serve) and alternative funding sources. The board committees were instructed to develop plans by the February 2008 board meeting and have agendas by the April 2008 board meeting. The board would like to be a catalyst to progress in Area III.

**V. Unfinished Business**

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None to discuss.

**VI. New Business**

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**A. New Projects for 2008:** The following were discussed as possible tasks to be undertaken:

- **Visiting Other Youth Councils:** Ms. Anthony would like to see the youth council visit some other areas to see what ideas are in use.
- **College Curriculum for At Risk Youth:** Ms. Woodward would like to learn about an idea used by Central Virginia Community College whereby students are taught college courses as well as life skills.
- **Alternative School:** All council members were interested in learning about an alternative school for youth that were not at their grade level based on age but had not been in trouble. Ms. Vest will see if **Rita Bishop**, superintendent of Roanoke City Schools will speak at a future youth council meeting.
- **Transition Conference:** **Ms. Wells** suggested the council sponsor students from all Area III high schools to attend the transition conference. Ms. Vest noted these students would not have to be Workforce Investment Act participants if incentive grant funding were used. Ms. Wells will send Ms. Vest information on this event.

**VII. Announcements**

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The next meeting will be held January 10, 2008 9 a.m. at the Roanoke Higher Education Center.

**VIII. Adjournment**

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The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

*Doloris E Vest*

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Doloris Vest, president

December 19, 2007

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