

Centralina Workforce Development Board

Youth Council Meeting

Kannapolis Visitor's Center

200 West Ave. Kannapolis, NC

Thursday March 19, 2009 – 10:00 A.M.

Members Present (11)

Carol Johnson, Youth Council Chair
Nicole Capel, Youth Council Vice-Chair
Linda Smith
Marion Kinley
Rick Brown
Erin Buckland
Sharon Allen
Kristina Stout
Chiquita Miller
Rudy Davis
Dr. Lawrence Elliot

WDB Staff

Patricia White
Natasha Pender
Emily Clamp
Vail Carter

Guests (39)

Lanny Burleson, Union County Public Schools
Jenny Hinson, Union County Public Schools
Dr. Lorraine Collins, Union County Public Schools
Joyce Durham, Union County Public Schools
Rebecca Kiker, Union County Public Schools
Sandra Ketchie, Union County Public Schools
Tyrone Williams, Union County Public Schools
David Presson, Union County Public Schools
Takeda Legrand, Union County Public Schools
Angela Thomas, Union County Public Schools
Samuel Robinson, Union County Public Schools
Farley Strickland, Union County Public Schools
Lee Henage, Union County Public Schools
Beth Lingle, Union County Public Schools
Selina Matthews, Union County Public Schools
Celeste Morehead, Union County Public Schools
Franklin Lowery, Don't Foul Out, Inc
Monique Phoenix, I-CARE, Inc.
Jasmine Phillips, I-CARE, Inc.
Almond Miller, Salisbury - Rowan Community Action Agency, Inc.

Dustin Adcock, Union County Public Schools
Amelia Davis, Union County Public Schools
Mitch Bryant, Union County Public Schools
Mark Wells, Union County Public Schools
Jill Messer, Union County Public Schools
Janet Brewer, Union County Public Schools
Kathy Harris, Union County Public Schools
Sandra Noel, Union County Public Schools
Dale Owens, Union County Public Schools
Dion Duke, Union County Public Schools
Monte High, Union County Public Schools
Steve Jackson, Union County Public Schools
Bill Parker, Union County Public Schools
Liz Tennent, Rowan YSB
Robert Kirk, The Glenn Center
Angie Mallard, Union County DSS
Jean Harrison, I-CARE, Inc.
Deborah Ervin, I-CARE, Inc.
Glenn Usry, Iredell PAL



Youth Council Chair Carol Johnson called the meeting to order at 10:15 AM. Carol welcomed everyone, omitted introductions due to the late start and large crowd, and thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Mission Statement Affirmation

The Youth Council Mission Statement was read by WIA participant and council member, Kristina Stout.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the January 15, 2009 meeting were mailed prior to the meeting. Carol Johnson waived the reading of the previous minutes and asked if there were any changes or corrections. Marion Kinley moved that the minutes stand as submitted and Rudy Davis seconded the motion. Hearing no objections, the motion to approve the minutes was unanimously approved.

WIA / American Recovery and Reinvestment Act update

Centralina WDB Operations Manager Patricia White stated that the Centralina WDB convened a meeting of the current WIA Youth contractors on March 5, 2009 at the Boys & Girls Club in Concord, to discuss the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (“Stimulus”) funding for WIA that was being appropriated for a summer youth employment program. Contractors discussed the program expectations which are a high profile program with high expectations; separate and frequent reporting; availability of worksites; expenditure requirements; staffing; and the local plan.

Patricia added that the US Department of Labor distributed final guidelines for the summer program on March 18 and that the Centralina WDB would be in immediate contact with contractors to inform them on how to proceed with planning for their summer programs.

Carol Johnson encouraged contractors to contact their local community colleges to partner on job opportunities and more. Patricia stated that although funding through the stimulus package allowed for service to participants age 14-24, the regular WIA Youth program age limits for participants remains 14-21 years of age.

2009 NC Youth Summit

Natasha Pender shared the announcement regarding the 2009 NC Youth Summit. She stated that seventeen youth from across the Centralina WDB region submitted essays to be considered for attendance at the 2009 NC Youth Summit, scheduled for April 17-18 at the Embassy Suites in Greensboro, NC. Centralina Workforce Development Board staff members read and ranked the essays on a scale of one to ten. Ten (10) youth and two alternates were chosen to attend. They are Tiara Threatt and Levi McClam (UCCA, Inc), Desmond Allen, Jamar Stills, and Marlon Banner (SRCAA, Inc) Tavon Knox, Marquis Grant, Jasmine Phillips, Olandis Chambers, and Justin Imes (I-CARE, Inc.), with Terrance Hinkel (UCCA, Inc) and Latorya Cathey (I-CARE) as the alternates.

2009 Centralina WDB Youth Services Summit

Natasha Pender reported that the planning subcommittee met via conference call on February 11, 2009 to discuss the 3rd Annual Centralina WDB Youth Services Summit. Natasha shared the Save the Date flyer and discussed the sponsorship package included in the meeting folder.

The 3rd Annual Centralina WDB Youth Services Summit is themed “Yes We Can!” and will be held on Friday, September 18, 2009 at the Cabarrus Convention Center/Embassy Suites in Concord, NC. Kwain Bryant of Empowerment Exchange will return for the second year, this time to deliver the keynote address. Also, Eric Rowles and his team will deliver a workshop and the afternoon keynote. Dr. Jay Smink of the National Dropout Prevention Center at Clemson University will facilitate a workshop and there will be workshops for youth. Natasha stated that this year is sure to be bigger and better than the first two summits.

Youth Council Members and Guests Speak!

Liz Tennent announced that two participants from her X2 Mentoring Program will be acting in a Piedmont Players production at the Meroney Theatre in Salisbury, NC. The play is called “Smokey Joe’s Café”. Dr. Robert Kirk announced that the Glenn Center is now a testing site for GED seekers in Cabarrus County. Almond Miller announced that the Salisbury–Rowan Community Action Agency is preparing for its 2nd Annual Job Shadowing Fair. Ms. Miller also announced that they have five youth who are on the final test for their GED.

Folder Items/ Handouts

Natasha Pender reviewed the items included in the Youth Council folders:

- Brochure - Apprenticeship 2000
- Brochure - Centralina WDB – Long Term Occupational Projections 2006-2016
- NC Families United – Youth Leadership Development Program Application
- Article – “Anson New Tech named ‘School of Distinction’” – *The Anson Record*
- Article – “Youth See Future at Home” - *The Statesville Record & Landmark*
- Article – “Youth Service Day Plans Taking Shape - *The Statesville Record & Landmark*
- Article – “Youth Get Chance to Make a Difference” – *The Statesville Record & Landmark*
- Article – “School Awarded Grant for Dropout Prevention” – *The Stanly News & Press*
- Article – “Tees Struggle to Find Work” – *The Statesville Record & Landmark*
- Article – “North Stanly High School Students Discover DESTINY” - *The Stanly News & Press*
- Article – “CATA site of state student council convention” – *The Enquirer Journal*
- “Just 4 YOUth!!! Handout
 - Youth Participant spotlight: Desmond Allen
 - Body Language Tips for Interviewing
 - Where Are They Now? A look at past Youth Council Presenters

Updates and Upcoming Events

The Centralina Workforce Development Board is scheduled to meet at the Cabarrus Regional Chamber of Commerce in Kannapolis on Tuesday April 14, 2009. The NC Youth Summit is being held April 17-18, 2009 at the Embassy Suites in Greensboro. The Anson County Career Fair will be held April 21, 2009 at the Lockhart-Taylor Center at South Piedmont Community College. The Union County Career Fair will be held at the SPCC Conference Center on April 23, 2009. The Workforce Development Professionals luncheons will be held a May 6 & 7 at the Charles Mack Center in Mooresville and the SPCC Conference Center, respectively. Union County's third annual Transition Fair will be held on May 12 at the SPCC Conference Center.

Presentation: NC Research Campus

Ms. Jasmine Phillips, a youth participant at I-CARE, Inc introduced the featured speaker, Mrs. Phyllis Beaver. Mrs. Beaver began her presentation stating the purpose of the NC Research Campus. The North Carolina Research Campus (NCRC) is a private-public venture created to cultivate collaboration and promote health, biotechnology, nutrition, and agriculture.

The visionary behind the NCRC is Mr. David H. Murdock. He is a long-term advocate of healthy eating and physical activity. His vision for NCRC is to create a world class research hub that will lead to great discoveries in nutrition, health and biotechnology research.

The David H. Murdock Core Laboratory Building is a 311,000 square foot facility located in the center of the NCRC designed for laboratory and office use.

Mrs. Beaver went on to say that the NCRC will eventually employ close to 35,000 in the region. And that opportunity exists beyond research. Two year degree and certificate holders should not be discouraged from applying for or researching open positions on the Campus.

Some of the tenants include:

Duke University: Duke University's Translational Medicine Institute will focus on speeding the movement of new therapies from the research lab to the patients who need them most.

UNC Chapel Hill: Using biotechnology, researchers will work to understand the role of diet and activity in normal brain development, cancer prevention, and the prevention and treatment of obesity.

NC State University: Researchers will be studying plant improvement and human health benefits.

UNC Charlotte: will provide specialized computer systems and software, data management solutions and analysis for academic researchers and biotechnology companies. In this role, BRC will offer sophisticated computational support in the design and development of new research and technologies.

North Carolina Central University: performing groundbreaking work on Zebrafish and rodent cancer models to advance knowledge of human nutrition at the cellular and genetic level.

NC A&T State University: will conduct cutting edge research in post harvest technologies and food science.

UNC Greensboro: research will be to understand bioactive food and expanding the understanding of these components and their benefits to health and wellness, aging, and prevention of diseases.

Rowan - Cabarrus Community College: RCCC will be instrumental in providing a workforce for the NCRC community. RCCC will have its own location at the NCRC and will offer several new degree programs in biotechnology and agricultural biotechnology.

Mrs. Beaver concluded her presentation by inviting attendees on a walking tour of the Core Lab.

Carol Johnson reminded attendees that the Centralina Workforce Development Board E-Newsletter has a section titled “Youth Corner.” This section highlights youth related articles from around the region as well as upcoming events. She asked that members submit articles to Emily Clamp at eclamp@centralina.org.

The next meeting of the Centralina Youth Council is scheduled for Thursday April 16, 2009 at 10:00 am at the Cabarrus Boys & Girls Club in Concord.

There being no further business, Carol Johnson adjourned the meeting at 11:45 am and tour takers left with presenter and guide Phyllis Beaver on a walking tour of the NC Research Campus.