

# Centralina Workforce Development Board

## Youth Council Meeting

Boys & Girls Club of Concord  
247 Spring Street NW – Concord, NC  
Thursday August 19, 2010 – 10:00 A.M.

### **Members Present (11)**

Carol Johnson, Youth Council Chair  
Gisella Busse  
Leon Gatewood  
Carlo Battle  
Katrina Duke  
Rick Brown  
Susan Brooks  
Lisa Conger  
Marion Kinley  
Linda Smith  
Valerie Melton

### **WDB Staff (3)**

Patricia White  
Natasha Pender  
Michelle McNulty

### **WDB Board Members**

Bob VanGorden, Centralina WDB Chair

### **Guests (16)**

Claudia Covington, Resource Development Center  
Holly Shaver, Resource Development Center  
Almond Miller, Salisbury-Rowan Community Action Agency, Inc.  
Cynthia McLean, Salisbury-Rowan Community Action Agency, Inc. (youth)  
Eunice McGee, Union County Community Action Agency, Inc.  
Paula Holmes, Union County Community Action Agency, Inc.  
Garrett Malone, Union County Community Action Agency, Inc  
Breanna Benson, Union County Community Action Agency, Inc (youth)  
Jason Hubbard, Union County Community Action Agency, Inc (youth)  
Dajour Hayes, Union County Community Action Agency, Inc (youth)  
Wilma Means, Logan Community Optimist  
Geneva Lovas, Rowan Cabarrus Community College  
Victoria Sanders, Big Brothers Big Sisters  
Tyrone Battle, youth  
Joan Been, Living Waters, Inc  
Carolyn Mays, Cabarrus County JobLink Career Center

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Youth Council Chair Carol Johnson called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone, allowed each person to introduce themselves and thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Jason Hubbard, former participant in Union County Community Action Agency's WIA program, read the Mission statement.

### **Approval of New Youth Council Members**

Carol Johnson announced that there were two new applicants interested in joining the Youth Council. Natasha Pender read bio information for Stanly County resident Susan Brooks and Cabarrus County native Carlo Battle.

- Susan Brooks is the Secondary and English as a Second Language (ESL) Director for Stanly County Schools. Mrs. Brooks has worked in education for 30 years through Stanly County Schools and Stanly Community College. Susan is a mother and is very active in her Church, as well as various community organizations. Susan has a BA in Human Development and Learning, with Certification to teach K-6. She also has a Masters in ESL with Certification to teach ESL K-12, and a Masters Degree in Curriculum & Supervision.
- Carlo Battle is a Senior Quality Assurance Specialist with the Mecklenburg County Department of Social Services and a resident of Cabarrus County. She is a parent, very concerned with her community and providing opportunities for youth. Carlo has served as a mentor for an Intensive In-Home Agency, and she volunteers in community service events with senior citizens and the Christmas Bureau to name a few. Carlo Battle has a BA in Behavioral Science.

Youth Council member, Marion Kinley made the motion to accept both applications and approve the appointments to the Youth Council. Gisella Busse seconded the motion. There were no objections or discussion. The motion was unanimously approved by the Youth Council.

### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from the June 3, 2010 meeting were mailed prior to the meeting. Carol Johnson waived the reading of the minutes and asked if there were any changes or corrections. Rick Brown moved that the minutes stand as submitted and Lisa Conger seconded the motion. Hearing no objections, the motion to approve the minutes was unanimously approved by the Youth Council.

### **Workforce Investment Act (WIA) update**

Patricia White issued a reminder to WIA Youth contractor staff to thoroughly review the Statements of Work for thorough explanation and instruction. Patricia stated that she and Michelle McNulty, Accountability Specialist for Centralina WDB, are preparing an orientation session to review the Statements of Work, provide guidance on validation procedures and to address technical assistance issues. A date will be set in the near future and all WIA Youth contractors will be expected to attend.

Patricia White reiterated that Union County Community Action Agency (UCCA) had received the contract to provide youth services in Anson County and will be housed at the Lockhart-Taylor Center at South Piedmont Community College in Wadesboro. Eunice McGee, WIA Director for UCCA, stated that Garrett Malone has been named the new Youth Development Specialist for Anson County.

### **Presentations – Youth Contractors**

Paula Holmes and Garrett Malone of Union County Community Action, Holly Shaver of Resource Development Center, and Almond Miller of Salisbury Rowan Community Action Agency all provided brief presentations on the details of their summer programs for WIA Youth participants.

Patricia White recognized the contractors for the great work that they do and for their dedication to the youth that they serve. Patricia also mentioned the fact that Centralina WDB requires that youth contractors to work with their participants to develop a portfolio that documents their successes. Patricia stated that it would be a good idea for

contractors to bring some of those portfolios to the next meeting so that members and guests can take a look at all the work that is being done.

### **Other Business**

Natasha Pender stated that several Youth Council members had been e-mailed asking if they knew about existing Youth Leadership programs in their area. Of the responses it was determined that nothing exists for youth who are no longer in school. Natasha introduced the idea of having a Youth Ambassadors Program for the youth in the WIA programs. She stated that anyone interested in being a part of planning such a program can participate on a planning conference call on Tuesday August 31, 2010 at 2:00 pm.

Natasha went on to state that registration is open for the Centralina WDB 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Services Summit to be held on Friday September 24, 2010 at South Piedmont Community College in Monroe. She told attendees to visit [www.extremetour.org](http://www.extremetour.org) to register for the event.

### **Youth Council Members Speak!**

Katrina Duke announced that the Cabarrus Literacy Council will be hosting its 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Business Spelling Bee on September 9, 2010.

Leon Gatewood announced that was he happy to be a part of the Youth Council and excited to see all the wonderful things going on within our region that involves youth. He announced that his organization HOLLA! recently received a grant to renovate space to provide a recreation facility for youth in Anson County. Work is on target for the facility to open soon. Also, HOLLA! recently completed a successful summer camp that served 104 youth.

Jason Hubbard, youth from UCCA, shared that he has received much from UCCA over the years and is excited to be moving on to a new chapter of his life. He received his GED and is enrolled at South Piedmont Community College and is planning to study Biotechnology. He shared how appreciative he was to have received guidance and work experience through the WIA program. Paula Holmes said that Jason has been a joy to work with and that he has done well in the program, Jason Hubbard was a 2010 Governor's Award for Outstanding Youth nominee.

Wilma Means announced that Kingsway Community Resources will be having an Open House on August 28, 2010 from 2-5 pm at 314 Melrose Drive SW Concord NC.

Cynthia McLean, youth participant from SRCAA, announced that she expects to complete her GED in October so that she can enroll in Clinton Junior College and work toward earning the necessary credits needed so that she can enroll in the Air Force by next summer.

Dajour Hayes, youth participant from UCCA, announced that he has been accepted into the Art Institute of Atlanta. He plans to major in computer animation.

Patricia White extended special recognition to the WIA Youth contractors, stating that their work clearly is not in vain, and that they are appreciated for all that they do. Bob VanGorden, Centralina WDB Chair, added that thanks should also go to the Centralina WDB staff as well as the Youth Council members for all the work that they do.

### **Folder Items/Handouts**

Items included in the Youth Council folders were:

- Press Release: CPCC seeks applications for Wachovia Wells Fargo Foundation scholarships
- Newsletter: Youth Resource Connections
- “SCC students explore opportunities through Career Launch Pad Exhibit” - *Stanly News & Press*
- “SPCC summer Learning Community wraps up” – *The Enquirer Journal*
- “Students explore medical careers” – *The Enquirer Journal*
- “Students get lesson in Forensic Science” – *Salisbury Post*
- “Workforce Development Boards system held its 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Statewide Youth Summit” - *The Wilmington Journal*
- “Youth Unemployment Hits Record high” – *CNBC.com*
- “7 ways to help teens start a summer business” – *Black Enterprise Magazine online*
- “The Best Career Paths for Teens” – *CBS Money Watch*
- Newsletter: Grants Workshop; Youth Ambassadors; Open House - *Just 4 YOUth!*
- Brochure: Customer Service Certificate Program at RCCC
- Brochure: Re-Employment Bridge Institute
- Brochure: Career LaunchPad

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](mailto:eclamp@centralina.org).

**The next meeting of the Centralina Youth Council is scheduled for Thursday November 18, 2010 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.