

Centralina Workforce Development Board

Youth Council Meeting

Boys & Girls Club of Concord

247 Spring Street NW – Concord, NC

Thursday June 3, 2010 – 10:00 A.M.

Members Present (13)

Carol Johnson, Youth Council Chair
Gisella Busse
Rudy Davis
Rodney Harrison
Katrina Duke
Rick Brown
Pat Woods
Sharon Allen
Sarah Dunlap
Jasmine Thompson
Lisa Conger
Inez Williamson
Valerie Melton

WDB Staff (4)

David Hollars
Patricia White
Natasha Pender
Michelle McNulty

WDB Board Members

Bob VanGorden, Centralina WDB Chair

Guests (22)

Debra Ervin, I-CARE, Inc.
Shelton Moore, I-CARE, Inc.
Monique Phoenix, I-CARE, Inc.
Jean Harrison, I-CARE, Inc.
April Youngblood, I-CARE, Inc. – youth
Talisa Ramseur, I-CARE, Inc. – youth
Holly Shaver, Resource Development Center
Summer Maiden, Resource Development Center - youth
Angel Brewer, Resource Development Center – youth
JoAnn Diggs, Salisbury-Rowan Community Action Agency, Inc.
Almond Miller, Salisbury-Rowan Community Action Agency, Inc.
Shenita Russell, Salisbury-Rowan Community Action Agency, Inc.
JaTeare McNeal, Salisbury-Rowan Community Action Agency, Inc.
Eunice McGee, Union County Community Action Agency, Inc.
Paula Holmes, Union County Community Action Agency, Inc.
Garrett Malone, Union County Community Action Agency, Inc.
Linda McPhatter, READ, Inc
Brenda McMillian, READ, Inc
LaTangela Phillips, Logan Community Optimist
Shanell McLamb – Florence Crittenton Services
Lakeysha Medlin – Connecting Futures, Inc
Erin Beer, Henkels & McCoy/Palmetto Youth Connections

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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.

Approval of New Youth Council Members

Carol Johnson announced that there was a new applicant interested in joining the Youth Council. Natasha Pender read bio information for Anson County resident Leon Gatewood.

- Leon Gatewood is the Founder of HOLLA! (Helping Our Loved Ones Learn and Achieve), a youth serving organization in Anson County. HOLLA! was founded to address the issue of low achievement in the schools. The organization provides several activities, such as: annual summer camps, incentive programs, talent competitions, essay contests and more. Mr. Gatewood has a B.S. in Biology from Livingstone College in Salisbury, NC. In addition to his work with HOLLA! and being Superintendent of Anson County Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant; Mr. Gatewood is also Chairman of the Sandhills Community Action (SCAP) Board of Directors; member of the Anson County Board of Education and Hands of Hope nonprofit organization.

Youth Council member, Pat Woods made the motion to accept Leon Gatewood's application and approve his appointment to the Youth Council. Gisella Busse seconded the motion. There were no objections or discussion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the March 18, 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. Pat Woods moved that the minutes stand as submitted and Sarah Dunlap seconded the motion. Hearing no objections, the motion to approve the minutes was unanimously approved.

Selection of Youth Council Vice Chair

Carol Johnson opened the floor to discussion and nomination of a Youth Council Vice Chair, to preside over meetings when the Chair is not present. Lisa Conger made the motion to nominate Gisella Busse. Pat Woods seconded the motion. There were no objections or discussion. Carol asked Gisella if she was willing to accept the nomination. Gisella agreed. The motion for approval of Gisella Busse as Youth Council vice-chair was unanimously approved.

Review/Approval of Program Year 2010 Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Youth Services Requests for Proposals (RFP)

Patricia White distributed a document summarizing staff findings during the review of the RFPs that the Centralina WDB received for youth service contracts in the seven county region. Bidders that were present were instructed by the Youth Council chair to leave the room during the discussion. Patricia White explained in depth the estimated allocation, the scoring criteria and the requirements detailed in the application packet. David Hollars added that there were more

than 45 organizations on the bidders list and that the RFP was posted on the Workforce Development Board's website (www.centralinaworks.org), Centralina Council of Governments website (www.centralina.org), and was also advertised in The Charlotte Observer and The Charlotte Post. Patricia White carefully detailed the analysis performed by WDB staff on each RFP. She added that a potential bidder must score at least 75 points in order for the Youth Council and the WDB to consider the application for funding. Patricia noted that the review of the RFP's indicated that some items were not included with RFP package, issues with missing pages, and discrepancies in numbers. After detailing the merits of each proposal and the scoring, Patricia summarized the competing bids for each county. After Patricia's presentation, discussion ensued.

Youth Council member Rodney Harrison made the motion to eliminate the three bidders who scored below the required minimum of 75 points from being considered any further. Pat Woods seconded the motion. Lisa Conger asked that the original motion be amended to include proposing that the remaining bidders - UCCA – Anson & Union; SRCAA – Rowan & Cabarrus; RDC – Stanly; I-CARE – Lincoln & Iredell - be determined as the Youth Council's recommendation to the Board for approval as the PY 2010 WIA Youth services contractors. Rodney Harrison restated his original motion with the amendment. Pat Woods seconded the amended motion. There were no objections and the motion was unanimously approved.

Carol Johnson restated that the Youth Council recommendations that the PY 2010 WIA Youth Services contracts be awarded to Union County Community Action Agency, Inc for Union and Anson Counties; Salisbury-Rowan Community Action Agency, Inc. for Rowan and Cabarrus counties; Resource Development Center for Stanly County, and I-CARE, Inc. for Iredell and Lincoln counties. A summary of the Youth Council's recommendations for PY 2010 WIA Youth Services is attached.

David Hollars, Centralina WDB Executive Director, reiterated that the final decision will rest upon the Board and will be decided during the June 8, 2010 Board meeting. At this point, Carol Johnson asked the potential bidders to return to the meeting.

Presentation – Regional events

Natasha Pender did a presentation detailing the Centralina WDB region's youth participation in the 2010 NC Youth Summit; the 2010 Youth Summit attendee visit to the NC General Assembly; the Anson County Student/Business Forum; and also the Centralina WDB local Youth Services Summit which will take place on Friday September 24, 2010 at South Piedmont Community College in Monroe. Natasha stated that her presentation will be available on the youth website, www.way2work.org for future reference.

Natasha Pender reported that the US Department of Labor has issued some changes to the Child Labor Laws that will become effective on July 19, 2010. Natasha referenced a document in attendee folders that listed the upcoming changes as well as a contact phone number for DOL's Wage and Hour Division and a website that gives full details of the impending changes.

Natasha also stated that there has yet to be a final determination regarding the status of Summer Youth Employment Program funding for 2010, but that a decision or at least further details should be expected the week of June 7, 2010.

Natasha stated that nominations for the 2010 Governor's Awards for Excellence in Workforce Development were being accepted and that the deadline for submitting a nominee to the Centralina Workforce Development Board had been extended for another week. All nominations are due to Centralina by Thursday June 10, 2010. Natasha stated that award nominations were being accepted in five categories and that the complete nomination package could be found at www.way2work.org. She encouraged the immediate submission of nominations.

Members & Guests Speak

Youth Council member Sarah Dunlap announced that she has enrolled in Rowan-Cabarrus Community College to study criminal justice and plans to transfer to Pfeiffer University in two years. I-Care WIA participant April Youngblood announced that she will begin classes at Mitchell Community College in the fall. Almond Miller announced that the Salisbury-Rowan Community Action Agency proudly graduated ten participants that were in the GED program. Valerie Melton announced that the Cabarrus Boys & Girls Club received a Microsoft grant to enhance their Technology Center. She stated that it is fully equipped and community organizations wishing to utilize the facility are welcome.

Bob VanGorden, Centralina WDB chair took a moment to recognize Youth Council and Centralina WDB member Pat Woods who is retiring this month after a 40 year career in education. Bob thanked her for commitment and her contributions to the Board, the Youth Council, the community, and the youth not only in Cabarrus County, but across the region. Members and guest stood and applauded Pat Woods for her accomplishments.

Folder Items/Handouts

Items included in the Youth Council folders were:

- Press Release: Jesse Carson High School is Selected to Host a Chinese Guest Teacher
- Press Release: US Department of Education Opens Competition for Promise Neighborhoods
- Newsletter: Youth Resource Connections
- "New auto tech facility unveiled" – *The Statesville Record & Landmark*
- "Free program looks to build on early success" – *Independent Tribune*
- "Exposing career opportunities" – *Independent Tribune*
- Newsletter: New Youth Organization in Cabarrus County - *Just 4 YOUth!*

David Hollars distributed a handout regarding the Re-Employment Bridge Institute being held through Rowan Cabarrus Community College, next session being held June 3-4, 2010.

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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 August 19, 2010 at 10:00 am at the Cabarrus Boys & Girls Club in Concord.

There being no further business, Carol Johnson adjourned the meeting at 11:30 am.



Program Year 2010 – July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011
RECOMMENDED WIA YOUTH Services for In-School and Out-of-School Youth

Received Bid Proposal Packages from:

- Salisbury-Rowan Community Action Agency** (located in Salisbury, NC) – Cabarrus and Rowan counties
- I-Care, Inc.** (located in Statesville, NC) – Iredell and Lincoln counties
- The Resource Development Center, Inc. (RDC)** (located in Albemarle, NC) – Stanly County
- Union County Community Action, Inc.** (located in Monroe, NC) – Anson and Union counties
- Skill Path Seminars** (located in Mission, KS) – Anson, Cabarrus, Iredell, Lincoln, Rowan, Stanly, and Union counties
- Reaching Around You, Inc.** – (located in Polkton, NC) – Anson County
- Connecting Futures, Inc.** (located in Monroe, NC) – Anson and Union counties

<i>Recommended WIA Service Provider</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>WIA Services</i>	<i>Total Funds Available</i>	<i># of WIA Youth To Be Served</i>
Union County Community Action	Anson	Youth (In-School & Out-of-School)	\$117,067	15
Salisbury-Rowan Community Action Agency	Cabarrus	Youth (In-School & Out-of-School)	\$254,019	30
I-Care, Inc.	Iredell	Youth (In-School & Out-of-School)	\$222,192	36
I-Care, Inc.	Lincoln	Youth (In-School & Out-of-School)	\$139,010	27
Salisbury-Rowan Community Action Agency	Rowan	Youth (In-School & Out-of-School)	\$323,558	40

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Resource Development Center, Inc.	Stanly	Youth (In-School & Out-of-School)	\$161,952	30
Union County Community Action	Union	Youth (In-School & Out-of-School)	\$276,433	42

TOTALS **\$ 1,484,231** **220**

>> Recommended by the Centralina WDB Youth Council on Thursday June 3, 2010 for approval by the Centralina WDB on Tuesday June 8, 2010.