

# NR/MR WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD YOUTH COUNCIL

## MEETING MINUTES

December 10, 2009

A meeting of the New River/Mount Rogers Workforce Investment Board Youth Council was held on December 10, 2009 at the Wytheville Workforce Center. Those in attendance were as follows:

### Council Members

Rhonda Roop, Chair  
Greg Adkins  
Dr. Mark Burnette  
Deborah Padron  
Mary Critzer  
Chris Fields (alternate)  
Toney Jara (alternate)

### Guest

Missy Bray – Goodwill Industries  
Gray Parks – Rooftop of VA CAP

### Staff

Ronnie Martin

At 9:35 AM, Chair Roop, called the meeting of the Youth Council to order, noting that a quorum was present. Chair Roop requested that the Council review the minutes from the meeting held on October 15, 2009. Ms. Jara made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Critzer seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

Next, Mr. Martin presented the Financial Report. Mr. Martin brought the Council's attention to the Financial Report for the period July 1, 2009 through October 31, 2009. Mr. Martin noted that all Program Operators are expending funds in line with projections. Mr. Martin also reviewed with Council Members the ARRA Financial Report for the period May 1, 2009 through October 31, 2009. All ARRA Youth Operators have done a great job expending funds and it is projected that all funds will be expended by December 31, 2009.

Mr. Martin presented the WIA Performance Comparison for 2001 through 2008. For PY'08, WIA 2 exceeded all Youth standards except the Older Youth Employment Retention Rate and the Older Youth Credential Rate. Both of these standards were "met" but not exceeded. Mr. Martin indicated that the Youth Program Operators had done a great job in meeting or exceeding WIA Youth Performance Standards.

Next, Mr. Martin reviewed the "Common Measures" which will be the performance standards effective July 1, 2009. Training for Youth Program Operator staff will be conducted in January, 2010 by WIB staff.

Youth Operator representatives present presented information to Council members concerning Formula and ARRA WIA Youth activities. Presentations were made as follows:

Missy Bray – Goodwill Industries of the Valleys, Inc.  
Chris Fields – People Inc. of Virginia  
Gray Parks – Rooftop of VA-CAP

During the presentations it was noted that no Older Youth from Carroll County and Grayson County had been served. This has been an ongoing problem and concern for many months. Mr. Martin suggested that the Youth Program Operator for that area be required to submit a written plan of action to the Youth Council at their February 18, 2010 meeting on what steps will be taken to increase service levels to Older Youth in those jurisdictions. Youth Council members concurred with this suggestion.

Next, Mr. Martin reviewed the Radford University Bridges and Pipelines Scholarship Program and distributed brochures to both Council members and Youth Program Operator staff present.

Mr. Martin also provided an update on the status of the Wytheville Comprehensive One Stop Center. Drawings are currently being reviewed and the opening date for the Center is scheduled for June 1, 2010.

Next, Mr. Martin reviewed Youth Service Delivery options for PY'10 as well as the operational recommendation that is being made to the WIB from the One Stop Operations Committee. The One Stop Operations Committee is recommending utilizing the one (1) year contract extension option contingent on satisfactory performance from our current Youth Program Operators. The One Stop Operations Committee feels that this approach is in the best interest of WIA 2 due to Virginia having a new Governor and not knowing his position on Workforce Development and due to uncertain economic conditions. Mr. Martin indicated that the Youth Council will need to make their Youth Operational decision for PY'10 at their February 18, 2010 meeting.

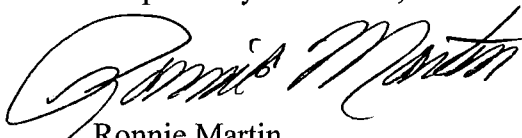
Chair Roop next discussed possible initiatives for PY'10. She encouraged Council Members to be thinking about new initiatives and be prepared to discuss this at the February 18, 2010 meeting. Dr. Burnette indicated that there was a great need for after school activities (including tutoring) as well as a need for Resource Centers. Council Members agreed that it was important for agencies to partner and maximize resources in order to meet the needs of our area youth. Mr. Martin indicated that Council Members could submit their suggestions to him and he would summarize and include suggestions in the next Youth Council meeting packet.

Chair Roop next reviewed the youth key indicators sheet with Council members and requested that any questions be directed to Marty Holliday, WIB Program Planner. Chair Roop also reviewed the Inclement Weather policy with Council Members.

The 2010 Youth Council meeting schedule was reviewed noting that the next meeting of the Youth Council will be held on February 18, 2010 at the Wytheville Workforce Center beginning at 9:30 AM.

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned by Chair Roop at 10:30 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ronnie Martin".

Ronnie Martin  
Executive Director