

Region 2 WIB  
Youth Council Minutes  
Date: September 23, 2009  
Location: Scarlet Oaks Poca, WV  
Start Time: 12:00

Members in Attendance: Mike Herron, Valerie Blakemore, Micki Maley, Melissa Bias, Dave Mowery, Rachel Chambers, Linda Clevenger, Scott Caldwell, Dorothy Turner- Lacy, Teryl Jones, Beth Elkins, Chris Hupp, Steven Brown, Claude "Jake" Hunt

- I. **Welcome and Introductions** – Chairman – Mike Herron
- II. **Chairman – Mike Herron** – Addressed the council and gave thoughts and concerns on starting the Youth Council. Chairman Herron went on talk about the direction he would like to see the council take. Mr. Chairman wants council to start to brainstorm and work on a strategic plan, identifying problems dealing with youth. Talked about the differences among European Youth career paths among youth here in the U.S.
- III. **Short Presentation - Mr. Jack Wiseman & Mr. Clifford Cunningham –“ Education of the Arts”**. – Introduced by Claude Jake Hunt. Mr. Wiseman addressed the council and talked about his 6 year partnership with Mr. Hunt and Region 2. Mr. Wiseman explained the process on holding workshops to help youth and their parents on what types financial aid is out there. FASA, Promise Scholarship and HEAPS Grant. Mr. Cunningham spoke on the ACT and career paths starting with With 8<sup>th</sup> graders, career interests inventory tests, Higher Education Grant 4750.00. The need to help parents and students with FASA paper work, many are intimidated by the amount of information they have to fill out. Web address [www.wvclear.wvstateu.edu](http://www.wvclear.wvstateu.edu). There are no charges for the Services. 1-304-558-2440.
- IV. **Short Presentation – Mr. Claude Jake Hunt – “ The Youth Council Booklet”** - Introduced the Youth Council Booklet and passed out copies to each member of the council. Mr. Hunt covered the foundation and the purpose of the youth council. Mr. Hunt explained the definition of the WIA Workforce Investment Act, Youth Council Vision Statement, Functions of The Youth Council, Youth Council Roles and Responsibilities. Mr. Hunt went on to talk about OSY and ISY funds and programs. Explained that more funds should be given to OSY because ISY has many more resources. Talked briefly about his vision for the council and he would like to see the council have at least 20 members and asked the present council to help with growth if possible. Mr. Hunt talked about the Summer

Youth Program and the current sites that are still employing youth.

**V. Melissa Bias – Region 2 Youth Coordinator – Introduced -ISY Program Manager Chris Hupp.** - Mrs. Hupp explained HRDF ISY Program and the services the program offers to the youth. (Job shadowing, helping with employment path, providing support services to the youth in all year round program. Mrs. Hupp talked about summer youth program and some highlights and experiences with the summer youth participants from Region 2 Summer Youth Program.

**VI. Melissa Bias – Region 2 Youth Coordinator- Introduced OSY Youth Coordinator- HHA – Huntington Housing Authority – Dorothy Turner-Lacy-** Mrs. Turner-Lacy explained the HHA OSY Program. Mrs. Lacy talked about 2 youth participants that worked during the summer youth program in child care. The two youth have now started the Child Care Apprentice Program and are now earning college credits. 6 youth have earned their GED. 9 more are registered / or in the process of earning there GED, 10 of the 47 participants in the OSY Summer Youth Program from Cabell / Wayne were from Foster Care. Mrs. Turner-Lacy spoke on issues about youth in foster care that were in the program, (double standards, double speak). Mrs. Lacy spoke on experiences during the summer youth and issues youth had while participating in the youth program. (showing up on time, transportation, professional attire, personal hygiene, no stability.) Mrs. Lacy passed out a newsletter that the Summer Youth made while Working this summer.

**VII. Mike Herron- Chairman- Closing and Thanked Council –** Mr. Herron talked about goals and elaborated on key points that were brought up from those who spoke. Mr. Chairman would like to see council work on strategic plan, come up with ways to solve youth problems addressed. Mr. Chairman would like council to get to know each member better. Members of the council have agreed to write a BIO and submit it to Melissa Bias – Youth Coordinator before the next meeting. Ms. Bias will collect a BIO from each member and start a 3 ring binder for each member and label areas. (BIO, Strategic Plan, Financial, etc.)

**VIII. Next Meeting Announced –** October 28, 2009 at 11am. Region 2 Workforce Office in Huntington.

Meeting Ended 2:05PM