

# Minutes

## Youth Council Meeting

Georgia Mountains Workforce Development  
October 16, 2014 ~ Camp Toccoa- Yoki House  
Toccoa, GA

**The Georgia Mountains Workforce Development Youth Council met on** Thursday, October 16, 2014 at Camp Toccoa-Yoki House, in Toccoa, GA. All those present registered on a sign in sheet.

### Members

Jenny Stowers  
Scott Crain  
Bonnie Lofredo  
Tina Pratt

Stormi Damell-For Brenda Dalin

Shelby Ward  
Nikki Simmons  
Judi Lawson  
Lynne Warren

### Staff

Jessica Williams  
Ebony Tucker  
Samantha O'Day  
Patrick Shuler

### Guest

Thelma Avalos

Tina Pratt, Northeast Georgia Housing Authority, called meeting to order and welcomed attendees.

Tina began the meeting by having the council look over PY13 Quarterly Performance Report. The report shows that youth are exceeding in all three performance measures.

Jessica Williams, Youth Supervisor explained that youth programs are measured by the number of youth placed in employment, the number of youth that have obtained a diploma or degree, and youth that have made increases in literacy and numeracy. Each year the rates are negotiated with the state and have to be met by 80%.

This year the rates are as followed:

- Placement in employment – 60%
- Obtained Degree-Diploma – 65%
- Literacy/ Numeracy – 33 %

Jessica stated that due to some glitches in the VOS system that we were not meeting in the literacy/numeracy but were able to work with the state to get the numbers corrected.

Jessica went on to update the council on new programs. Jessica informed the group that Danielle Avelar, Youth Case Manager handles the majority of the in-school programs, and staff has worked together to where there are programs in all of the 13

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counties. She asked the council to e-mail her or Danielle if they specific questions about programs in their area.

Jessica updated the group on the Woody Gap program, the program is up and running with five participants. The program consists of tutoring and leadership development.

Jessica introduced Sam O'Day , Youth Intake Specialist to provide the council with an update on the Regional Youth Detention Center program.

Jessica asked council to review meeting minutes from May 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting. Motion to approve given by Shelby, seconded by Shirley Davis, Director at Georgia Appalachian Center for Higher Education.

Motion to adjourn given by Scott, motion seconded by Brenda Dalin, Director, Ninth District Opportunity.

Recorders Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_