

Youth Task Force
Subcommittee of the GVPCCC
Meeting Minutes April 15, 2009

Present:

Kathy Johnson

Suzanne Loughman

Dottie Scarborough

Maria Perkins

Jonathan Putt

Robin Batten

Karen Baker

Renee Carter

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Sister David Ann Niski

The BEST for Youth Task Force is a coalition of professionals in the Greater Hampton Roads region dedicated to promoting:

- *The principles of youth development, and*
- *Capacity building for youth work professionals.*

Update on GVPCCC:

- YTF members are encouraged to attend Chamber of Commerce “*Business Before and After Hours*” Events. Visit their website at vpcc.org and click on Chamber Events. Select the date(s) you want to attend and contact Kathy for a MemberCard. Although you’re representing GVPCCC and YTF at the event, remember to carry your own business cards for networking.
- Share your experiences at Chamber of Commerce events. This will be a regular YTF agenda topic.
- Outcome of 2/17/09 GVP *Call to Action*:
 - Referral services agencies will begin meeting together. Kids PriorityOne and Peninsula Agency on Aging will lead this effort.
 - GVP executive committee developing a system for bartering and exchanging services, goods, etc.
- Next GVP General Meeting is April 21, 2009. Think of someone to nominate for Member-At-Large.
- After 6 years as YTF Chair, Kathy has chosen to resign from office. She will remain a very supportive YTF member and we can continue meeting at Alternatives Inc. We will therefore elect a new chair at our May meeting. It could be you!

Update on stimulus funds:

- GVP General meeting topic is the impact of stimulus funds on human service agencies.
- A few highlights from a workshop on 4/14/09 hosted by Bobby Scott that Kathy attended:
 - VA HUD announced the Neighborhood Stabilization Program in Newport News received funding for homelessness and for planning grants.
 - CDBG funds have been awarded to local governments.
 - Office of Human Affairs and STOP organizations have received energy funds to continue weatherization projects.
 - Headstart, Title One, and AmeriCorps funds are also available.
 - On June 1, 2009 they’ll make twenty million dollars available for competitive grants to city governments, planning commissions, etc. The state is seeking collaborative

proposals. Therefore, non-profits can only apply in partnerships with local governments, commissions, etc.

Update on Summer Youth Employment:

- \$802,000 stimulus funds have been awarded for peninsula summer youth employment programs. Newport News has developed their SYE program. Hampton is working on theirs.
- For NN youth, they will be hired by the end of May. They must live in NN but can work outside of the city. They can work June through September, 20-32 hours/week earning \$7.25/hour. Worksites will provide jobs, supervision and training. Employers should send job descriptions by April 17th to Vanessa Whitaker, Director of Guidance for NN schools or call ASAP.

Presentation:

- Robin Batten presented on her organization, CareNet Resource Pregnancy Center (formerly Peninsula Crisis Pregnancy Center). CareNet is a pregnancy center that provides free support and assistance to pregnant women and those experiencing post-abortion stress. Robin is executive director of CareNet and a new YTF member. Welcome Robin!

Announcements:

- Roberta Rosenberg is in charge of placing CNU students in volunteer opportunities. Kathy will invite her to our June YTF meeting.
- Hampton and Newport News Extension Offices are co-sponsoring their annual summer camp July 20-24, 2009 at the Jamestown 4-H Educational Center. They need a male camp counselor. Call 727-1401 or 591-4838.
- Hampton Teen Center is scheduled to open in May and Kathy will schedule our May meeting there. Meeting topics will include a presentation on the Teen Center and update info on the Summer Youth Employment Program.

Mark Your Calendar:

- Next meeting May 20, 2009

