

**The Oregon Consortium & Oregon Workforce Alliance
Youth Council Meeting
Seven Feathers Hotel & Casino Resort
January 17, 2008
3:00 – 5:00 pm**

Youth Council Members

Larry Blount
Oscar Johnson
Kenny Kent
Leonard Norris
Sheila Semling
Mary Taylor
Shelly Ena (attended via conference call)

Guests

Perry Andrews	Mark Bell
Bob Craft	Art Hill
Selaina Miller	Jue-Jue Withers Lyon
Kolleen Carrel	

TOC Staff

Elisha Schilling

MEETING SUMMARY

I. Call to Order and Introductions

Larry Blount, Youth Council Chair called the meeting to order at 3:05 pm and introductions were made.

a. Approval of Minutes from October

MOTION: Art Hill moved, seconded by Kenny Kent to approve the meeting minutes from October 2007. Those opposed: Leonard Norris. Those in favor: Larry Blount, Sheila Semling, Mary Taylor, Kenny Kent and Oscar Johnson. Motion carried.

II. New Member Recommendation

Larry shared that Mary Taylor has submitted a letter of interest to serve on the TOC/OWA Youth Council.

MOTION: Oscar Johnson moved, seconded by Sheila Semling to approve the appointment of Mary Taylor to the TOC/OWA Youth Council and to request ratification by OWA. Motion passed unanimously.

Mary talked with the group about her visit to the welding program at Wolfe Creek Job Corp Center earlier in the day. She explained that Freeman Marine provides information about employment and other useful information about living in the Coos Bay area (i.e. costs of rent/mortgage, cost of living, etc), to the students enrolled in the welding program. She enjoyed the visit and the students seemed interested in their company and opportunities.

III. Drug and Alcohol Screening Tools

Shelly Ena, Coordinator with Commission on Children and Families joined the group via conference call and shared information about the evaluation tool that Children and Families uses for their youth.

She explained that the evaluation tool covers areas such as peer relations, behavior and school issues, substance use and more. A copy of the evaluation form was distributed to the group, and additional copies can be requested from Shelly Ena at sena@oregonvos.net.

IV. Update on letter to OWIB and State Legislators

Art Hill explained that at the last meeting, the Youth Council discussed ways that the Council can advocate to Legislators about youth issues and future funding of youth programs. Art has a draft letter (which will be sent to the OWIB) that includes information on:

- TOC/OWA Youth Council's goals and vision
- How funds for youth efforts could fit into the Governor's budget
- Looking for grant opportunities

Art and Shelly agreed to work together in identifying additional funding and/or grants for youth services and programs. Art also recommended having a topic related to this at the Rural Conference.

V. Our Youth, Our Economy, Our Future

The Our Youth, Our Economy, Our Future handout was discussed amongst the group. The handout focused on topics such as Education, Youth unemployment, re-connecting with the youth in your community, etc.

VI. Member Agenda Requests

Future agenda items were collected. The next meeting agenda will include an update from Art Hill regarding funding/grant opportunities.

VII. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.