

# Youth Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 23, 2019

Department of Insurance, Training Room (Room 240)

325 N. Salisbury St., Raleigh, North Carolina

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**Members Present:** *Veronica Butcher (Chair), Enijah Pace, Raymond Palma, Taylor Booth, Naveed Aziz, Zachary Winstead, Theresa Mathis, Nathan Summers, Rhyan Breen, Todd Rosendahl, Aaron Williams, Vishaal Chaganti*

**Members Absent:** *Siva Bodavula, John Easterling III, Greg Moore, Beth Brody, RaVielle Musser, Lama Khachab*

**Council for Women & Youth Involvement Staff:** *Candace Dudley, Emily Roach*

**Other Guest:** *Melissa Dunston, DOA Grant Writer, Michael Peele, Temporary Solutions, Sara Darwish, Intern, Bryan Brannon, DOA CFO*

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**Meeting was called to order by Council Chair Veronica Butcher at 1:14pm**

**Welcome and Call to Order:** Chair Veronica Butcher welcomed everyone, and introductions were given. Chair read into the minutes the Conflict of Interest. There is no conflict of interest

**Board Member New Requirements:** Staff with Temporary Solutions and CFO discussed the new requirements for any boards or commissions. Each member filled out there I-9 information.

**Approval of Minutes:** Veronica Butcher asked for discussion for the approval of minutes for the January 17, 2019 meeting, none. Motion made by Rhyan Breen to approve minutes as written. Seconded by Raymond Palma. Unanimous.

**Council for Women & Youth Involvement Update:** Candace Dudley and Emily Roach gave an update from the SYC Office.

- The 2018-2019 State Youth Council year concluded with the Spring Convention Conference in Charlotte. Beth Brody, Chairwoman Veronica Butcher, myself, Emily Roach and our Director, Mary Williams-Stover all attended. Overall, the conference received strong evaluations. Henry, the new SYC chair, gave more updates later in the meeting. Each conference received a bid for next year:
  - Service Learning: Fayetteville – Cumberland Youth Council & Wilson Youth Council
  - Mini-Grant – Rocky Mount Area Youth Council
  - Team Building - Cary Youth Council
  - Spring Convention - Lake Norman Youth Council
  - Advisor’s Retreat - High Point
- The Internship Program began on Monday, May 20, 2019. 100 interns participated in an orientation via webinar, which was a change in order to allow interns to spend the first day on their placement site. Interns were selected from a diverse group of colleges and are with us until July 26, 2019.
- CFW&YI has created a Mentorship Program as an initiative from Secretary Sanders. Nine high school girls were placed with department secretaries. They will receive mentorship from the secretaries and work in job fields related to S.T.E.M. If any members of YAC know of any organization that does work in STEM and you are interested in having the girls visit your site, please let us know.

- CFW&YI staff had the opportunity to attend the Wilson Youth Council (WYC) Awards banquet. We were very impressed by the number of members that only missed one meeting the entire year. All active members were recognized, as well as graduation seniors. The Mayor attended and thanked WYC for their service in the community and encouraged them to continue their commitment to public service. The youth planned a Las Vegas theme, and everyone had a blast! Thanks for the invitation.
- The CFW&YI is releasing the second report in a series of Status of Women reports in late June. The Status of Women: Health and Wellness report ranks the health and wellness of North Carolinian Women in comparison to women in other states. Generally, we are in the bottom third for most categories ranging from stroke mortality rate to mental health to reproductive health. Fact sheets were distributed. However, if your organization is interested in learning more, you can send me an email and we can present the full data. The report also includes policy recommendations including Medicaid expansion and my personal favorite- increased funding for counselors and social workers in schools.
- Finally- The FY19-20 budget is currently in debate in the senate. The budget is currently slated to remove two positions from the budget that are critical to functioning of our office. If you are interested in contacting your legislator to advocate for the inclusion of these positions, please find me after. I have a script and fact sheet detailing the best approach.

**Spring Convention Conference Recap:** Henry Cruz Reyes, 2019-2020 SYC Executive Board Chair gave a report about the 2018-2019 Spring Convention was in Charlotte. Charlotte-Mecklenburg Youth Council/ Generation Nation planned programming to address the four focus areas identified by SYC members. Members broke into groups and identified an issue that they were most effected by. People chose topics like mental illness, school safety, cost of college, bullying, and substance abuse. All weekend the youth worked on a solution to problem and presented the ideas on Sunday. The Awards Banquet took place on Sunday. The winners of the awards were:

Scrapbook- Wilson Youth Council

Yearly Project - Durham Youth Commission

Most Outstanding Chapter – Fayetteville Cumberland Youth Council

Most Outstanding Senior- Aaron Williams

We also went to Carowinds and celebrated the end of the year with our councils.

**Working Group Update:** Each working group reported out on any updates.

*Awards Working Group (Beth Brody)* – Candace gave an update on the Awards working group in absence of Beth. She reported that the group has not convened since earlier in the year. Many of the members were youth, therefore there are only 2 members left on the committee. Discussion surrounding the new awards took place, the awards were approved by the YAC. Motion to approve the awards by Zachary Winstead. Seconded by Taylor Booth. Unanimous.

*Fundraising Committee (Rhyan Breen)* – Rhyan reported that \$1,125 was raised from the Zaxby's night. The fundraising committee is researching other options.

*Ambassador Working Group (Siva Bodavula)* – Siva was absent, Theresa reported for the group. Theresa encouraged other to join this committee as it represents SYC. More information will be forthcoming.

**New Business/Old Business:**

*Advisors Retreat:* The Advisors Retreat will take place in High Point on July 16. All members of the YAC are encouraged to attend.

*Raleigh Government Day:* The state office expressed the desire to have this day, however, due to staff constraints we are unable to fully commit to planning obligations. Seeking subcommittee members to carry out this day for SYC.

*Motion to adjourned by Todd Rosendahl. Seconded by Raymond Palma. Unanimous. Meeting Adjourn at 2:52p.m.*