

## YOUTH DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

December 19, 2017

### Members Present

Tom Bianco, Co-Chair  
Marge Canning, GCIT  
Andrea Guzman, DVRS  
Sandy Uhr, GCIT

Stephen Hart, DWD  
Laurie Haldeman, GCIT  
Daniel Sulpizio, Business  
Bridget DiGiambattista, WDB Staff

### Members Absent

Cleve Bryan, Chair  
Kim Alexander, GCIT  
Kim Gober, GC Housing Authority  
Erin Klein, Robin's Nest  
Leona Mather, Youth Parent  
Natalie Perez, DWD  
Gina Pratta, Family Success Center  
John Rasmus, GC Housing Authority  
Michelle Shirey, WDB Director  
Kimberly Webster, NJ Corps  
Brian Carey, WDB Staff

Rudy Aikens, GC Human & Disability Svcs.  
Jessica Froba, NJJC  
Dr. W. King, FBO  
Terry Levins, DWD  
Mien Mombo, Dept. of Children & Family  
Susan Perron, Abilities Solutions  
Marie Rafter, GC Probation  
Sharon Rosado, Abilities Solutions  
Kristen Tahaney, Center for Family Services  
Gregory Wright, GCIT

### Visitor

Adam Lathrope, GCIT Student

Tom opened the meeting at 2:00 pm.

A motion to approve September 19, 2017 minutes was made by S. Uhr, seconded by S. Hart.

### Youth Advisory Report

Adam reported the committee they met October 25, November 16, and December 19. The October meeting had 6 students present, they discussed the shoe drive project, the ongoing dog chew toy project. They discussed the MEGA job fair the students attended in October and the 2 job shadowing opportunities in October at GCIT's maintenance and IT departments. The November meeting had 5 students present, they discussed the food drive in November for the special projects department at GCIT. They discussed a new service project that will begin mid-November, they will be making snowmen door hangers for residents of Shady Lane. A job shadowing opportunity to be held on November 28 at the County auto garage was announced. A CPR class will be held on November 30. The December meeting had 4 student presents, they discussed success of Shady Lane trip to deliver the door hangers. The CPR class held November 30 had six students participate. Two students attended the job shadowing opportunity at the county auto garage. The students collected 3 boxes of food for the November food drive and received a thank you from the Director of Special Projects. A job shadow opportunity will be held at Liscio's Bakery on January 9.

### Student Report

Adam likes the teachers and appreciates the one on one teaching. His future interest is computer engineering.

### Status

Sandy reported they had 3 new students in September; 2 new students in October; 1 new student in November; & 1 new student in December. They had 4 students who did not pass the TABE test. Sandy reported they are in process of getting ETPL vendor application approved from the State. Plumbing has been added to the available vocational classes. A guest speaker from State Financial Mortgage visited in October and the GC Apprentice Coordinator visited in November. Dan S. stated he conducts life skills program on financial literacy at GCIT and will be guest speaker in near future.

Stephen reported MidAtlantic will be holding a free Serv Safe training January 24-25, 8:30 am-3:30 pm at the Queen of Apostle Hall in Pennsville.

### New/Old Business

Testing Results – Sandy stated the students are favoring the Hi-Set test. Tom asked Sandy to provide a few sample questions from the Hi-Set test for the committee members to review at next meeting.

Laurie reported she will be out of office for 2 months.

A motion for adjournment was made by D. Sulpizio, seconded by S. Hart.

The next meeting will be held February 20, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

Bridget A. DiGiambattista, WDB Staff