

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

May 15, 2018

Members Present

Tom Bianco, Co-Chair

Marge Canning, GCIT

Dr. William King, FBO

Marie Rafter, GC Probation

Sandy Uhr, GCIT

Eileen Gallo, WDB Staff

Rudy Aikens, GC Disability & Human Svcs.

Laurie Haldeman, GCIT

Natalie Perez, DWD

Denise Taguwa, NJLWD

Gregory Wright, GCIT

Bridget DiGiambattista, WDB Staff

Members Absent

Cleve Bryan, Chair

Kim Gober, GC Housing Authority

Erin Klein, Robin's Nest

Susan Perron, Abilities Solutions

John Rasmus, GC Housing Authority

Michelle Shirey, WDB Director

Daniel Sulpizio, Business

Kimberly Webster, Job Corps

Jessica Froba, NJJC

Andrea Guzman, DVRS

Mien Mombo, NJ Dept. of Children & Family

Gina Pratta, Family Success Center

Sharon Rosado, Abilities Solutions

Stacey Smith, DVRS

Kristen Tahaney, Center for Family Services

Tom opened meeting at 2:00 pm.

A motion to approve February 20, 2018 was made by G. Wright, seconded by Dr. King.

Youth Advisory Committee Report

Laurie reported the committee met on May 15, 2018, five students were present. Four students toured ASI Career Institute, three students attended the GC Mega Job Fair. The food drive held during March was a success, all food was donated to the Glassboro Food Bank. There were two job shadow activities one at Liscio's and the other at ParkeBank in March.

The committee met on April 25, six students were present. They discussed the career exploration trip to Deptford Mall. The Gloucester County Apprentice Coordinator spoke with the class, 3 students expressed interest in apprenticeship. On May 3, a student attended the American Red Cross First Aid Certification and earned her industry valued credential in First Aid/CPR-AED. Two students were taught and passed the Front Desk Representative, both students earned industry valued credentials in Certified Front Desk Representative. Students made patriotic door knob hangers and delivered to Shady Lane residents. On May 22, there will be a job shadowing at GCIT for HVAC, 2 students will be attending.

Status

Sandy reported number of students attending has increased, number of students passing HSE has increased, but still have students TABE test that do not pass.

Tom extended congratulations to Sandy Uhr on her upcoming retirement and thanked her for her dedication to the youth. Gregory also thanked Sandy for her dedication to the youth.

New/Old Business

Industry Credential Update – Gregory stated they continue to find opportunities that meet the required credentials.

TABE & CASAS Assessment – Eileen reported due to the length of TABE test, which can be up to 6 hours long, we will be transitioning to the CASAS Assessment test, starting January 1, 2018.

At a recent WDB Marketing meeting, there was discussion for the Youth Education & Career Center (YECC) to create a new logo specific to the YECC and create their own webpage. There was also

discussion on using social media outlets such as Instagram & Twitter. It was suggested to create a facebook page which would target specific groups, i.e. youth and/or parents. Another idea was to create an infographic which would show timeline of earning diploma from YECC. Gregory stated he spoke with Mr. Dementri of GCIT about the global calendar to show YECC monthly activities. Gregory provided draft a new YECC logo.

Announcements

YECC graduation will be held Wednesday, June 6, 6:00 pm at GCIT Theater.

A motion for adjournment was made by L. Haldeman, seconded by Dr. King.

The next meeting will be September 18, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

Bridget A. DiGiambattista, WDB Staff