

YOUTH COUNCIL COMMITTEE

January 17, 2012

Members Present

Charles Ivory, Chair

Marge Fizur, GCIT

Joan Killian, GCIT Youth One Stop

Terry Levins, DWD

Karen Dickel, WIB Staff

Kim Alexander, GCIT Youth One Stop

Joe Frattali, WIB Director

Dr. W. King, FBO

Madeline Vasquez, GC Housing Authority

Bridget DiGiambattista, WIB Staff

Members Absent

Herb Johnson, Co-Chair

Maria Bacon, Abilities Center

Shyeeda Banks, GC NAACP Youth Council

Nancy Chard, GC Human Services

Randee Davidson, GCC

Andrew DiNardo, GCIT Youth One Stop

Cristin Farney, Devereux

Sam Hudman, GC Housing Authority

Susan Perron, Abilities Center

Brigitte Satchell, GCC

Sandy Uhr, GCIT Youth One Stop

Doris Vidal, Center for Family Svcs.

Dan Angelucci, DWD

Evangeline Banks, NJJC

Muncie Buckalew, St. John of God

Arthur Davenport, NJLWD

Mike DeAngelis, NJLWD

Janice Engstrom, Juvenile Probation

Eileen Henderson, Ctr. For Family Svcs.

Karen Knowlen, GCIT

Sharon Rosado, Abilities Center

Jenn Shaw, DVRS

Wendy Venable, GCC

Kimberly Webster, NJ Corps

Visitor

Husam Mazahreh, One Stop Teacher

Dennis Crowthers, Robins Next

Dr. Ivory opened the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

A motion to approve minutes from November 15, 2011 meeting was made.

Student Report

Kim reported all students & their parents were invited to this meeting. Kim asked if future meetings could start at 2:00 p.m. in order to ensure student participation.

Kim expressed thank you to Joan Killian for stepping up while Sandy Uhr has been out on medical leave.

Status

In November they had 3 students regularly attending, and peaked at 5 students. In December 4 regularly attended. She anticipates next report will show a substantial increase in enrollment. This month they received 25 calls requesting information about the program, all followed up with applications.

Old Business

On November 17th Joan, Kim, & Sandy participated in a webinar about Advocacy Priorities for New Jersey.

On December 6th, Joan, Kim, & Laurie Haldeman attended the Department of Labor & Workforce Development Workshop on Work Readiness Credential and Tests of Adult Basic Education.

On December 8th, Sam, Joan, & Robyn Megara participated in math webinar.

The students went to Gloucester Manor in November & December.

Recruitment

Posters and flyers appear to be a factor in our increased enrollment. Additional posters, flyers, and pens have been ordered. Students & council members made suggestions as to additional locations for posters & flyers. These items were distributed to: County Store in Deptford Mall, Camcare in Paulsboro, Romeo's Music Store, The Arc in Paulsboro, Army Recruitment Center, Washington Twp. Library, and Probation Office at Five Points.

An ad was posted on Craig's List and will be updated each week by Mr. Costello.

All Gloucester County Municipalities have been contacted requesting our website be linked to theirs. We are now linked to the Paulsboro, Harrison, Logan, & Mullica Hill municipal websites. We also requested a link with the GCC adult/GED testing website. Mr. DiNardo has appointments with Paulsboro and Gateway guidance & child study team departments. He will continue to make appointments until he makes appointments with all school districts in Gloucester County. Kim contacted the Monroe Township Supervisor of the Child Study Team.

Since last Youth Council meeting, letters with brochures were sent and phone calls were made to 41 students who had dis-enrolled from Delsea, Deptford, Monroe, Washington Twp., Clearview, and Paulsboro high schools.

They have called and sent letters with flyers to 25 religious organizations in Glassboro, Paulsboro, Williamstown, Clayton, Swedesboro, & Woodbury. Kim will participate in the Career Resource Event at GCC on February 10th. Students will also be attending the event with their resumes!

Student Career Trips

On January 20th, the students will go to Underwood Memorial for job shadowing. Based on recent student survey, many indicated interest in medical careers.

A special thank you to Brigette Satchell for including information about Youth One Stop GED program in the GCC Continuing Education winter/spring brochures free of charge. Kim also would like to thank Brigette for the demographic data she shared at our last meeting. Based on the demographic report, we are predominately looking to target youth who are unemployed, single parents, or part time workers.

Dr. Ivory would like to review the goals at next Youth Council meeting. A copy of the goals will be attached to minutes.

A motion for adjournment was made.

The next meeting will be held February 21, 2:00 p.m. Please note time change.

Respectfully submitted,
Bridget A. DiGiambattista, WIB Staff