

YOUTH COUNCIL COMMITTEE

February 21, 2012

Members Present

Herb Johnson, Co-chair
Dennis Crowthers, Robins Nest
Joe Frattali, WIB Director
Terry Levins, DWD
Sandy Uhr, GCIT Youth One Stop
Karen Dickel, WIB Staff

Kim Alexander, GCIT Youth One Stop
Marge Fizur, GCIT
Dr. W. King, FBO
Stacey Smith, DVRS
Madeline Vasquez, GC Housing Authority.
Bridget DiGiambattista, WIB Staff

Members Absent

Charles Ivory, Chair
Maria Bacon, Abilities Center
Shyeeda Banks, GC NAACP Youth Council
Nancy Chard, GC Human Services
Ranee Davidson, GCC
Andrew DiNardo, GCIT Youth One Stop
Cristin Farney, Devereux
Sam Hudman, GC Housing Authority
Karen Knowlan, GCIT
Sharon Rosado, Abilities Center
Wendy Venable, GCC
Kimberly Webster, NJ Corps

Dan Angelucci, DWD
Evangeline Banks, NJJC
Muncie Buckalew, St. John of God
Arthur Davenport, NJLWD
Mike DeAngelis, NJWD
Janice Engstrom, Juvenile Probation
Eileen Henderson, Center for Family Svcs.
Joan Killian, GCIT Youth One Stop
Susan Perron, Abilities Center
Bridgette Satchell, GCC
Doris Vidal, Center for Family Svcs.

Visitor

Tashaya Crawford, One Stop Student

Robyn Megara, GCIT Youth One Stop

Herb opened the meeting at 2:05 p.m.

A motion to approve January 17, 2012 minutes was made by K. Alexander, seconded by T. Levins.

Students Report

Tashaya reported she enjoys the program, which she learned about from a friend. She has found no issues with transportation and enjoys the vocational program.

Status

Sandy reported enrollment numbers are rising; they have 10 currently enrolled at end of January. A lot of students are certified by T. Levins. All of their advertising efforts seem to be paying off.

A \$25 incentive is offered to any existing student who refers a friend who meets the eligibility requirements.

A press release was written for the GC Times and submitted to Eileen Shute. The press release appeared on the GCIT website and the newspaper.

Vocational classes in culinary, cosmetology, and auto body are offered weekly to all participating students.

Kim reported they have rearranged their budget and will be hiring a math teacher for morning hours. They have built a time line for after school program, she will share more at next month's meeting.

Kim attended *Heart of Gloucester County* meeting recently. Kim participated in the *Career Resource Event* on February 10, 2012.

Kim stated everything should be covered with the Youth Council Priority Goals starting with the first item being "Dressed for Success". At this time, we reviewed photos that were posted of students who

attended the Career Resource Event and utilized the clothes they picked from the *Dress for Success* store. Kim took us to the 'store' which is located on the ground floor of the College Services Building.

All future meetings will begin at 2:00 rather than 2:30 to better accommodate participating students.

A motion for adjournment was made.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, March 20, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

Bridget A. DiGiambattista, WIB Staff