

YOUTH COUNCIL COMMITTEE

April 17, 2012

Members Present

Herb Johnson, Co-Chair
Marge Fizur, GCIT
Dr. W. King, FBO
Stacey Smith, DVRS
Arthur Davenport, NJLWD
Bridget DiGiambattista, WIB Staff

Dan Angelucci, DWD
Joan Killian, GCIT Youth One Stop
Terry Levins, DWD
Sandy Uhr, GCIT Youth One Stop
Madeline Vasquez, GC Housing Authority

Members Absent

Charles Ivory, Chair
Maria Bacon, Abilities Center
Muncie Buckalew, St. John of God
Dennis Crowthers, Robins Nest
Mike DeAngelis, NJLWD
Janice Engstrom, Juvenile Probation
Eileen Henderson, Ctr. For Family Services
Karen Knowlan, GCIT
Sharon Rosado, Abilities Center
Jenn Shaw, DVRS
Karen Dickel, WIB Staff

Kim Alexander, GCIT Youth One Stop
Evangeline Banks, NJJC
Nancy Chard, GC Human Services
Ranee Davidson, GCC
Andrew DiNardo, GCIT Youth One Stop
Cristin Farney, Devereux
Sam Hudman, GC Housing Authority
Susan Perron, Abilities Center
Brigette Satchell, GCC
Kimberley Webster, NJ Corps

Visitors

Desirae Weeks, One Stop Student
Kelcie Griffith, One Stop Student

Brenna Hardy, One Stop Student

Herb opened the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

A motion to approved minutes from February 21, 2012 meeting was made by Dr. King, seconded by Terry Levins.

Student Report

The 3 students indicated the whole program is a great idea and really enjoy the program, they find the teachers very helpful. One suggestion is they can improve on lunch selection, they tend to offer same items for lunch. Sandy will speak to culinary contact person at GCIT and report at next meeting. Terry reported she receives their attendance & progress reports and all 3 girls are doing very well.

Status

Sandy reported numbers continue to climb. They have 22 active students, 2 new starts next week, 2 waiting to be certified, 1 TABE tester, 6 pending applications. They have 4 students who will take GED test next week, 3 have recently been employed and the other anticipates hearing about employment soon. The afterschool program started April 16 and will run to May 24, the program starts at 3:00 p.m. and ends at 5:00 p.m., they have 33 students participating, possibly to add more. They have 6 vocational teachers working with the students. The students will be doing light maintenance work, they will also be writing resumes, completing applications, & learning employability skills. Mrs. Killian has mailed students information regarding scholarships they are qualified to apply. A trip to PB Cosmetology was held March 19. They will be going to GCC for an informational tour next week. Many special activities were held this past month for the students. Sandy reported they have received a lot of positive feedback from the Cosmetology and Culinary Teachers about the One Stop students.

New Business

Sandy reported they received additional funding which they used for part time math teacher and part time english teacher. Extended hours were given to the math teacher in order for Mrs. Killian to have time to work with Mrs. Haldeman on job placement. Randee Davidson from GCC visited and introduced students to Kuder Journey program. Layton Harper from NJLWD visited to monitor the Youth One Stop and reported all records were outstanding and was impressed with the program. Jeff Burwick from Work Verification Unit of the State Department of Human Services visited to verify December student participation.

Youth Performance – Danny reported the 3 areas of performance that pertain to youth are: youth placement, attainment of degree, & literacy/numeracy. We are exceeding all the categories listed. Our numbers show we have officially enrolled 28 which means they were certified and are in MIS system. Art offered congratulations on current results. Danny stated that is a credit to staff from both the Youth One Stop and Thorofare One Stop.

A motion for adjournment was made.

The next meeting will be held May 15, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

Bridget A. DiGiambattista, WIB Staff