

YOUTH COUNCIL COMMITTEE

June 19, 2012

Members Present

Herb Johnson, Co-Chair
Dennis Crowthers, Robins Nest
Dr. W. King, FBO
Leona Mather, Parent
Madeline Vasquez, GC Housing Authority
Bridget DiGiambattista, WIB Staff

Tom Bianco, WIB Director
Marge Fizur, GCIT
Terry Levins, DWD
Sandy Uhr, GCIT One Stop
Karen Dickel, WIB Staff

Members Absent

Charles Ivory, Chair
Dan Angelucci, DWD
Evangeline Banks, NJJC
Muncie Buckalew, St. John of God
Arthur Davenport, NJLWD
Andrew DiNardo, GCIT Youth One Stop
Eileen Henderson, Center for Family Svcs.
Joan Killian, GCIT Youth One Stop
Susan Perron, Abilities Center
Brigitte Satchell, GCC
Stacey Smith, DVRS

Kim Alexander, GCIT Youth One Stop
Maria Bacon, Abilities Center
Shyeeda Banks, GC NAACP Youth Council
Nancy Chard, GC Human Services
Mike DeAngelis, NJLWD
Cristin Farney, Devereux
Sam Hudman, GC Housing Authority
Karen Knowlan, GCIT
Sharon Rosado, Abilities Center
Jenn Shaw, DVRS
Kimberley Webster, NJ Corps

Visitor

Naomi Harker, GCSSSD

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

Herb introduced Tom Bianco, new WIB Director.

Sandy stated there are no students because they have begun summer hours which are 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

Status

Sandy reported: currently have 11 students attending; 2 new starts; 7 obtained their GED; 2 gained employment; Terry certified 2 students in May; 7 students TABE tested and all increased 1 grade level. Naomi Harker has been hired as shuttle driver & employment specialist for summer session.

Walt Robinson has been hired as counselor for summer session, he will be available 2 hours a week on Mondays.

On May 30, the students visited ASI Institute; several students are very interested & will be looking into attending. Also on May 30, Andy D. gave presentation to Monroe Township Child Study Team.

The Youth One Stop Graduation ceremony was held on June 6, 10 students walked.

The end of the year trip included ten students & chaperones to Morey's Pier in Wildwood on June 12.

The grant proposal that was submitted requesting same amount of money was approved.

On June 5, Laurie Haldeman & Andy DiNardo visited EIRC, FAMCare, Thorofare One Stop, Gibbstown & Gloucester County Libraries, to replenish Youth One Stop posters & brochures. While at the GC Library, they got an educators card which allows them to use the GC Library website which has a lot of valuable information.

On June 10, they visited West Deptford & Glassboro Libraries, SODAT, & GC Store to replenish Youth One Stop posters & brochures.

Sandy reported the Youth One Stop has exceeded the performance standards. Terry stated they must remember that reflects students from 2010/2011. Currently, we are not doing that well, we have the graduates obtaining GED's but we are not getting the "follow up" to show they are successful by entering college, military, or job. Terry stated most of the recent graduates are 16 years old and we cannot fund anyone for a training program under the age of 18. Terry stated everything needs to be in by July 20 or they will not be considered as a positive. She asked that all the information be sent to her 2 weeks prior to the July 20 deadline so it can be given to the MIS person for input.

When we resume meeting in September, we need to clarify if the Youth Council will meet every month or every other month.

Old / New Business

Dennis announced the Monroe Township Library will be holding a teenage employment workshop on June 29, 2:00-4:00 p.m. To register: monroeteens@gmail.com

Herb reported a meeting was held that included Charles, Karen, Randee Davidson, Ken Biddick and himself with the Superintendent of Woodbury Schools to go over possible initiatives to possibly have business people visit the classrooms & speak to freshman class regarding their own occupations. Looking at possible internship programs where a youth from Woodbury HS could be introduced to various businesses in Woodbury.

A motion for adjournment was made by Dr. King.

The next meeting will be held September 18, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

Bridget A. DiGiambattista, WIB Staff