

YOUTH COUNCIL
September 19, 2012

Members Present

Charles Ivory, Chair
Kim Alexander, Youth One Stop
Tom Bianco, WIB Director
Marge Fizur, GCIT
Dr. W. King, FBO
Leona Mather, Youth Parent
Madeline Vasquez, GC Housing Authority
Karen Dickel, WIB Staff

Herb Johnson, Co-Chair
Dan Angelucci, DWD
Dennis Crowthers, Robins Nest
Laurie Haldeman, Youth One Stop
Terry Levins, DWD
Sandy Uhr, Youth One Stop
Kim Webster, NJ Corps
Bridget DiGiambattista, WIB Staff

Members Absent

Maria Bacon, Abilities Center
Shyeeda Banks, GC NAACP Youth Council
Nancy Chard, GC Human Services
Ranee Davidson, GCC
Eileen Henderson, Center for Family Svcs.
Joan Killian, Youth One Stop
Sharon Rosado, Abilities Center
Stacey Smith, DVRS

Evangeline Banks, NJJC
Muncie Buckalew, St. John of God
Arthur Davenport, NJLWD
Andrew DiNardo, Youth One Stop
Sam Hudman, GC Housing Authority
Susan Perron, Abilities Center
Jenn Shaw, DVRS
Robert Taylor, Boys & Girls Clubs

Visitors

Robyn Megara, Youth One Stop Teacher
Lexi Potts, One Stop Student

Ralph Ross, Youth One Stop
Amber Davis, One Stop Student

Dr. Ivory opened the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

A motion was made to approve June 19, 2012 meeting minutes.

Kim announced she will be leaving and introduced her replacement – Ralph Ross.

Ralph stated he is looking forward to working with the youth and maintain a successful program. They are in process of identifying GCIT teachers for vocational part and will survey the students to see what their interests are.

Student Report

Both students attending reported they enjoy the program; however, both expressed concern about lunches.

Status

Sandy reported June & July had a good student attendance. They had 3 pass their GED, 1 will attend GCC full time, 1 will be taking CNA course at GCC, and the other student will start GCC in January 2013. Recruitment - during month of August an ad was placed in the Continuing Education brochure and they have had many calls based on the ad. They will be returning to various locations where brochures and posters are to make sure the information is still present. They will have a table at the Career Resource Event.

Enrollment – they have 8 enrolled, 4 new students entered, 7 in midst of certification process, 6 applications were recently mailed. They also had 2 students accepted from the YES (Youth Empowerment Services) facility.

Employment – on going.

Dr. Ivory asked if we have done any follow up with the youth that go on to GCC in terms of their success. Kim stated they do follow after they received their GED and provide proof of either college enrollment or employment but only for 6 months. Danny stated they are to be followed for 1 year after completion of GED but there is no follow up after that. Dr. Ivory suggested a follow up of one year and provide a report to the Youth Council committee. The report should also include if the student is successful or not, and if not, why.

Dennis reported he has money to spend on Youth Work Incentives Program for a small business to hire a student. They will reimburse the employer to hire a student. He stated he is having trouble finding places that will allow 16 year olds to volunteer.

Dan extended invitation to Ralph to visit the One Stop and to further review the mandates for the program.

Dr. Ivory suggested in light of all the changes, the Youth Council should remain meeting on a monthly basis.

Kim reported they did receive a refrigerator for the students. Also, the Dress to Success store has been relocated to GCIT because GCC is need of the space.

Kim read a letter she received from a parent thanking the Youth One Stop & expressing gratitude to the program in helping her son succeed. He passed his GED & graduated this past June from the program and has been accepted to GCC.

A motion for adjournment was made.

The next meeting will be held October 16, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

Bridget A. DiGiambattista, WIB Staff