

YOUTH INVESTMENT COUNCIL

April 16, 2013

Members Present

Dr. C. Ivory, Chair
Dan Angelucci, DWD
Laurie Haldeman, GCIT Youth One Stop
Terry Levins, DWD
Robert Taylor, Boys & Girls Clubs
Madeline Vasquez, GC Housing Auth.
Bridget DiGiambattista, WIB Staff

Kim Alexander, GCIT Youth One Stop
Cleve Bryan, Consultant
Dr. W. King, FBO
Stacey Smith, DVRS
Sandy Uhr, GCIT Youth One Stop
Karen Dickel, WIB Staff

Members Absent

Maria Bacon, Abilities Center
Shyeeda Banks, GC NAACP Youth Council
Muncie Buckalew, St. John of God
Ranee Davidson, GCC
Eileen Henderson, Center for Family Svcs.
Joan Killian, GCIT Youth One Stop
Leona Mather, Youth Parent
Sharon Rosado, Abilities Center

Evangeline Banks, NJJC
Tom Bianco, WIB Director
Nancy Chard, GC Human Services
Marge Fizur, GCIT
Sam Hudman, GC Housing Authority
Kelly Leyman, Devereux
Susan Perron, Abilities Center
Kimberley Webster, NJ Corps

Visitor

Jacob Hiller, One Stop Student
Sidney Battle, NJLWD
Jean Alan, GCIT Youth One Stop

Kirk Lew, NJLWD
Robyn Megara, GCIT Youth One Stop
Barry Markowitz, Street Dreams

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

A motion to approve March 19 2013 minutes was made by Dr. King, seconded by D. Angelucci.

Student Report – student reported this was his first day but he felt very welcomed.

Sidney Battle, Youth Employment Coordinator within the Office of Adolescent Services provided an overview of her department. Their mission is to provide youth who are not only transitioning out of foster care, but may be in other programs, with proper tools to reach economic self-sufficiency. They also oversee Div. of Child Integrated System of Care, Div. of Family & Community Partnerships, & Div. on Women. They want to make sure they meet the needs of the youth being served. They are visiting with local YIC's and One Stops to make sure the partnership is created on a local level.

Kirk Lew, SETC, reported their main focus is to further support local WIB's. They have created a shared youth vision council which will mirror YIC's with the focus being on driving policy around youth initiatives to the SETC.

Status

Sandy reported they had 2 new starts in March, 3 completers, 6 tabe tested and all increased one grade level. This month they visited the Deptford Mall, conducted resume workshop, occupation exploration seminar, & workplace readiness seminar.

Kim reported a recruitment letter was mailed to Faith Based Organizations. The employment specialist visited the Franklin Twp. Library and Laundromat in Clayton to deliver flyers.

The spring employment program started April 15 2013, they have 23 certified.

They were awarded the summer employment grant and planning has started.

**Mark your calendar for the:
Youth One Stop Graduation is scheduled for Wednesday, June 5, 2013, 6:00 p.m.
in the GCIT Theater.**

The end of year reward trip will be June 6, 2013 to Clementon Lake Park.

Cleve asked if a representative from the Probation Dept. is an active member of the YIC. He will contact T. Miles from that department. He also asked if we have a link on the Heart of Gloucester County website. Sandy and Dr. Ivory will try to make contact with the person that oversees the website.

Career Resource Event will be held Friday, May 10, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at Rowan University-Student Center. Career Workshops will be held Thursday, May 2nd or Friday, May 3rd. Mock interviews will be held Monday, May 6, 9:00 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

A motion for adjournment was made.

The next meeting will be held May 21, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

Bridget A. DiGiambattista, WIB Staff