

YOUTH INVESTMENT COUNCIL

May 21, 2013

Members Present

Kim Alexander, GCIT Youth One Stop
Cleve Bryan, Consultant
Terry Levins, DWD
Sharon Rosado, Abilities Center
Sandy Uhr, GCIT Youth One Stop
Robyn Megara, GCIT Youth One Stop
Jessica Froba, JJC
Karen Dickel, WIB Staff

Dan Angelucci, DWD
Dr. W. King, FBO
Leona Mather, Youth Parent
Stacey Smith, DVRS
Madeline Vasquez, GC Housing Authority
Jean Alan, GCIT Youth One Stop
Tom Bianco, WIB Director
Bridget DiGiambattista, WIB Staff

Members Absent

Charles Ivory, Chair
Muncie Buckalew, St. John of God
Ranee Davidson, GCC
Eileen Henderson, Center for Family Services
Kimberly Webster, NJ Corps

Shyeeda Banks, GC NAACP Youth Council
Nancy Chard, GC Human Services
Marge Fizur, GCIT
Kelly Leyman, Devereux

Visitor

Mandee Meizger, One Stop Student

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

A motion to approve April 16, 2013 meeting minutes was made by K. Alexander, seconded by D. Angelucci.

Student Report

The student reported she was very happy so far with the program.

Status

Sandy reported in April they had 2 new starts and 1 completer. Six students were TABE tested and all 6 increased 1 grade level. The students participated in workshops on how to write a check and signing checks, interviewing skills, resume writing, & dressing for success. The students visited PB Cosmetology this month.

Spring program is complete; they had 20 complete the program. Recruitment continues for the summer program, they currently have 19 certified and anticipate up to 35 participants. They interviewed & hired teachers to for the summer program and also hired drivers to transport to the various sites. They have scheduled to take the summer program students to the Riversharks game on July 24 and the Fun Plex on August 18. Sandy expressed concern they still do not have information about the new GED test, specifically type of test, how much to budget, etc.

GCIT Graduation will be held Wednesday, June 5, 6:00 at GCIT Theater. Dr. Ivory will be the guest speaker.

Stacey Smith reported a counselor met with spring employment program and did presentation about DVRS services. A counselor will meet with students in the summer program also.

Danny suggested showing a category of "cumulative year to date" enrollments on their monthly report since we run on fiscal year July 1st – June 30th. We currently have 37 enrolled to date.

Kim suggested they increase effort over summer to reach out to schools requesting drop out information and providing information about the Youth One Stop.

Karen introduced new member Jessica Froba from Juvenile Justice Commission. She is replacing Evangeline Banks.

A motion for adjournment was made.

The next meeting will be held June 18, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

Bridget A. DiGiambattista, WIB Staff