

YOUTH INVESTMENT COUNCIL

October 15, 2013

Member Present

Charles Ivory, Chair
Dan Angelucci, DWD
Cleve Bryan, Consultant
Laurie Haldeman, GCIT Youth One Stop
Terry Levins, DWD
Robert Taylor, Boys & Girls Clubs
Madeline Vasquez, GC Housing Authority
Bridget DiGiambattista, WIB Staff

Kim Alexander, GCIT Youth One Stop
Tom Bianco, WIB Director
Jessica Froba, NJJC
Karen Knowlan, GCIT
Stacey Smith, DVRS
Sandy Uhr, GCIT Youth One Stop
Karen Dickel, WIB Staff

Member Absent

Shyeeda Banks, GC NAACP Youth Council
Nancy Chard, GC Human Services
Marge Fizur, GCIT
Dr. W. King, FBO
Leona Mather, Youth Parent
Sharon Rosado, Abilities Center

Muncie Buckalew, St. John of God
Ranee Davidson, GCC
Eileen Henderson, Center for Family Services
Kelly Leyman, Devereux
Susan Perron, Abilities Center
Kimberley Webster, NJ Corps

Visitor

Brigitte Satchell, GCC
Barry Markowitz, Street Dreams

Kirk Lew, SETC
Mikayla Walker, Student

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

A motion to approve June 18, 2013 minutes was made by Cleve Bryan, seconded by Dan Angelucci.

Student Report – the student reported she likes the personalized help she is receiving.

Status

Laurie reported she worked with the youth on both spring and summer programs. She conducted several career workshops for the students participating in the programs.

Recruitment – Laurie recently visited places to restock One Stop flyers. She put flyers at the new Family Success Center in Glassboro. As of October 15th they have 33 students in follow up status, 18 are currently working or enrolled in college or trade school, 5 currently working under the table, 2 entered program already employed. Today they had their 12th graduate since July 2013.

Sandy reported enrollment continues to increase. They have 14 on roster, 12 GED graduates. A customer service training seminar was held for the students on Sept. 26. Brian Mattie, County Apprentice Coordinator visited to provide information on apprenticeship programs. The students will be visiting Deptford Mall, Target, & Lowes. On October 23rd vocational classes will begin, the classes include auto body, culinary, and cosmetology. The College Readiness program offered by GCC Continuing Education was very successful for one their past students who is currently enrolled at GCC.

Spring/Summer Program

Spring - Karen Knowlan reported they had 20 students participate in the spring program. The students did miscellaneous work around GCIT.

Summer – Karen K. reported they had 38 students participate in the summer program. They worked 30 hours per week/5 days a week doing various outdoor work activities such as painting, landscaping at Pitman Golf Course and Scotland Run. They also participated in culinary classes & clerical skills work. Every Friday the students experienced a career theme such as HVAC, cosmetology, auto body, and

culinary. One day a week the students took part in job search and resume writing workshops. They attended a Riversharks game, the Fun Plex, and held a food drive taking the collected goods to Glassboro Food Bank. The last day they went swimming at GCIT.

Kim reported they have a new guidance counselor, who visits the Youth One Stop 1.5 hours a week.

Kim reported in 2012 they had 17 graduates, in 2013 they have had 27 graduates! The new fiscal year which began July 2013 already has 12 youth obtain their GED.

Brigette Satchell reported with new GED test pending, they are seeing more students interested in taking the test. The State of NJ is looking at 3 assessments; there could be 3 different assessments available.

Kirk Lew, SETC, stated that most of our meeting was focused on operations and he validated that; however he also observed that a lot of systemic issues were brought up: Soft skills, Recruitment, Mentoring, Youth Advisory Committee and Work Readiness credential. He highly recommended the YIC starting looking at these areas. He suggested we consider having former successful participants mentor current youth in the program.

A motion for adjournment was made.

The next meeting will be held November 19, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

Bridget A. DiGiambattista, WIB Staff