

YOUTH INVESTMENT COUNCIL
November 19, 2013

Members Present

Kim Alexander, GCIT Youth One Stop
Tom Bianco, WIB Director
Marge Fizur, GCIT
Dr. W. King, FBO
Stacey Smith, DVRS
Karen Dickel, WIB Staff

Dan Angelucci, DWD
Cleve Bryan, Consultant
Joan Killian, GCIT Youth One Stop
Sharon Rosado, Abilities Center
Sandy Uhr, GCIT Youth One Stop
Bridget DiGiambattista, WIB Staff

Members Absent

Charles Ivory, Chair
Muncie Buckalew, St. John of God
Jessica Froba, NJJC
Kelly Leyman, Devereux
Robert Taylor, Boys & Girls Clubs

Shyeeda Banks, GC NAACP Youth Council
Nancy Chard, GC Human Services
Eileen Henderson, Ctr. for Family Services
Leona Mather, Youth Parent
Madeline Vasquez, GC Housing Authority

Visitors

Robyn Megara, GCIT Youth One Stop
Dominic Pollino, Student

Ashley Worrell, Student

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

A motion to approve October 15, 2013 minutes was made by Kim Alexander, seconded by Dan Angelucci.

Student Report

Two students present reported they both like the program

Status

Sandy reported 5 starts in Sept, 5 new in Oct. Year to date shows 8 students have either gained employment or enrolled in secondary education. Since July 1, 2013, they have 13 students enrolled, 2 testing today and 2 testing in December. Students continue meeting with counselor on a regular basis. Some students attended the Career Resource Event. A Career Exploration trip to Deptford Mall was held Oct. 22, 2 possibly will be hired. They will be looking into getting additional math tutors for the students.

Kim reported they received a letter from the Freeholder Board thanking them for the student work done by the students participating in the Summer Program. They also received a letter from the NJLWD Office of Accountability stating there was no corrective action needed based on the recent audit. They will be offering more mini-workshops focusing on life skills, technology and job searching starting in December. They still remain unaware of what new GED testing will be chosen by the DOE and testing site.

They currently have culinary, cosmetology, and auto body shops for vocational program. The students have requested the auto body be adapted to general maintenance program. They will focus mainly on tune ups and basic maintenance. Three new teachers have been hired – 1 for culinary, 1 for technology, and 1 for law enforcement.

Recruitment - They visited SODAT, Deptford Mall Arcade, & Heart of Gloucester Resource Fair.

New/Old Business

Additional discussion to take place starting in December to maybe have one student asking fellow students the likes & dislikes of the Youth One Stop program and report to the YIC.

Talent Networks – Karen reported they would like to start discussions about inviting a representative from each of the 7 talent networks to the Youth One Stop. Purpose of visit will be to inform the students about their specific area of employment.

A motion for adjournment was made.

There will be no meeting in December.

The next meeting will be held January 21, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,
Bridget A. DiGiambattista, WIB Staff