

## YOUTH INVESTMENT COUNCIL

January 29, 2014

### Members Present

Charles Ivory, Chair

Laurie Haldeman, GCIT Youth One Stop

Terry Levins, DWD

Sandy Uhr, GCIT Youth One Stop

Joan Killian, GCIT Youth One Stop

Kimberly Webster, NJ Corps

Bridget DiGiambattista, WIB Staff

Tom Bianco, WIB Director

Kim Alexander, GCIT Youth One Stop

Stacey Smith, DVRS

Madeline Vasquez, GC Housing Authority

Marge Fizur, GCIT

Karen Dickel, WIB Staff

### Members Absent

Cleve Bryan, Co-Chair

Muncie Buckalew, St. John of God

Jessica Froba, NJJC

Dr. W. King, FBO

Leona Mather, Youth Parent

Sharon Rosado, Abilities Solutions

Shyeeda Banks, GC NAACP Youth Council

Nancy Chard, GC Human Services

Eileen Henderson, Center for Family Services

Kelly Leyman, Devereux

Susan Perron, Abilities Solutions

Robert Taylor, Boys & Girls Clubs

### Visitors

Robyn Megara, GCIT Youth One Stop

Billy Benton, GCIT Youth One Stop Student

Dr. Ivory opened the meeting at 2:05.

A motion to approve minutes from November 19, 2013 meeting was made by K. Alexander, seconded by M. Vasquez.

Kim stated they have implemented student advisory meetings in order to have input from students. Bill Benton, representing the students, stated they spoke about class trips and unanimously voted to go to FunPlex. At the next meeting students will discuss incentives to have students arrive early for 7:30 am math & science class.

Bill reported he is thriving since he started the program. Kim reported Bill's father is a very involved / supportive parent.

### Status

Sandy reported since November 2013, they had 5 more students pass GED test. Numbers were low for November & December due to holidays.

Kim contacted Experience Works, Rowan University, & Senior Core asking for tutors or volunteers to supplement afternoon instruction in math / science for the students.

Joan contacted the Talent Networks; Advanced Manufacturing Network responded and will visit the Youth One Stop on February 12<sup>th</sup>. Brigitte invited them to Continuing Ed Building since they have smart boards for the presentation. They have a trip planned in April to Cooper Hospital, and will hear a presentation on "avoiding destructive decisions".

### New/Old

GED Update – Brigitte reported the DOE approved the new GED (high school equivalency) testing, 3 options will be available to choose from. Gloucester County testing center will go with TASC

assessment, the cost of the test is \$92. Test takers will have 9 chances to pass an assessment to take the high school equivalency test. They anticipate beginning testing at the end of February or beginning of March. They will offer both paper/pencil and computerized. Tom suggested Kirk Lew of SETC be invited to our next YIC meeting since the new testing will affect the outcome numbers.

Terry stated the early math & science classes may create a problem for some of the participants that use child care since most daycare facilities do not open until 7:00 am or they may have difficulty arriving early, since they access public transportation.

A motion for adjournment was made.

The next meeting will be held February 18, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

Bridget A. DiGiambattista, WIB Staff