

**YOUTH INVESTMENT COUNCIL  
SEPTEMBER 16, 2014**

**Members Present**

Cleve Bryan, Chair  
Terry Levins, DWD  
Andrea Guzman, DVRS  
Sandy Uhr, GCIT Youth One Stop  
Tom Bianco, WIB Director

Laurie Haldeman, GCIT Youth One Stop  
Robyn Megara, GCIT Youth One Stop  
Kristen Tahaney, Center for Family Services  
Kim Alexander, GCIT Youth One Stop  
Bridget DiGiambattista, WIB Staff

**Members Absent**

Shyeeda Banks, GC NAACP Youth  
Nancy Chard, GC Human Services  
Jessica Froba, NJJC  
Dr. W. King, FBO  
Leona Mather, Youth Parent  
Sharon Rosado, Abilities Solutions  
Madeline Vazquez, GC Housing Authority

Muncie Buckalew, St. John of God  
Marge Fizur, GCIT  
Sam Hudman, GC Housing Authority  
Kelly Leyman, Devereux  
Susan Perron, Abilities Solutions  
Robert Taylor, GC Boys & Girls Clubs  
Kimberley Webster, NJ Corps

**Visitor**

Nadia Donneys, Youth One Stop Student

Cleve opened the meeting at 2:05 pm.

A motion to approve minutes from June 17, 2014 meeting was made by K. Alexander, seconded by L. Haldeman.

**Student Report**

We had one student present for the meeting. She reported she likes the program and intends pursuing culinary arts.

**Youth Advisory Committee**

The committee met in July with 6 students present. They discussed the need for a history teacher and would like to see gym incorporate during summer next year. The committee met in September with 2 students present. They discussed how the students like the vocational instruction but students do not stay after school. They suggested possibly one during day and another after school to give students options. Kim stated she would like to give the student the stipend for 15 hours of academic work and then an additional stipend if they stay after school for vocational instruction. Further discussion will take place at next YIC meeting.

**Status**

Sandy reported enrollment numbers were steady for June & July, August they did drop which may be due to vacations. They had 4 students passed TASC testing since July 1, 2014. They have been very busy with recruitment strategies by visiting at least 30 places throughout the County and left or replenished updated flyers. They have sent letters to all Directors of Guidance, all Child Study Team Directors, and FBO's in the County regarding the program. They had a new Bright Link projector system installed, which can be used as a chalk board as well.

**Summer Program**

The program was a success with 29 students participating. The students participated in various activities: painting, auto body, cosmetology, work readiness & created a paver patio for student use located in the back area of the Youth One Stop.

Kim addressed a concern with new nutrition policy from DOE. The rule states for all reimbursable meals, they need to meet federal nutrient standards. The concern is specifically with: they offer students breakfast sandwiches as incentive to improve morning attendance, which has improved dramatically. Her question is does this new rule apply to the students attending the One Stop. Tom stated we will contact Kirk Lew to ask if the NJ School Nutrition Wellness policy will apply to their program.

A motion for adjournment was made.

The next meeting will be held October 21, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

Bridget A. DiGiambattista, WIB Staff