

YOUTH INVESTMENT COUNCIL
October 21, 2014

Members Present

Cleve Bryan, Chair
Tom Bianco, WIB Director
Dr. W. King, FBO
Sharon Rosado, Abilities Solutions
Kristen Tahaney, Center for Family Services
Sandy Uhr, GCIT Youth One Stop
Karen Dickel, WIB Staff

Kim Alexander, GCIT Youth One Stop
Laurie Haldeman, GCIT Youth One Stop
Terry Levins, DWD
Stacey Smith, DVRS
Marge Fizur, GCIT
Madeline Vazquez, GC Housing Authority
Bridget DiGiambattista, WIB Staff

Members Absent

Dan Angelucci, DWD
Muncie Buckalew, St. John of God
Jessica Froba, NJJC
Leona Mather, Youth Parent
Kimberly Webster, NJ Corps

Shyeeda Banks, GC NAACP Youth Council
Nancy Chard, GC Human Services
Kelly Leyman, Devereux
Robert Taylor, Boys & Girls Clubs

Visitors

Dr. G. Mateka, GCVTSD/GCSSSD
George McGuire, Youth One Stop Student

Brian Shakespeare, GCVTSD/GCSSSD
Lynette Agosto, Juvenile Probation

Cleve opened the meeting at 2:00.

A motion was made to approve minutes from September 16, 2014 meeting by K. Alexander, seconded by Dr. King.

Student Report

The student reported he enjoys the program. He participated in the Youth Advisory meeting and reported on upcoming events scheduled:

October 20th Annual food drive kick-off

October 22nd Apprenticeship Speaker

October 29th Deptford Mall Career Exploration Trip

October 31st is the Annual "following directions" learning activity (am) and the first Annual "Fall Clean Up" event (service learning)

Kim provided a survey to the students and they would like to see a vocational area added and scheduling questions to be kept confidential.

Status

Sandy reported enrollment for September was low. They have 2 new students, 3 obtained employment, 4 waiting on approval, 3 to be TABE tested, & 3 students taking the TASC test. Several workshops were held for the students.

They have a partnership with the Dean of Continuing Education, Adult Education Program at RCGC for new Literacy Innovation Grant. As part of this, GCIT Youth One Stop teachers will be trained on developing internet based lessons and online classes.

New Old Business

Dedication - M. Dicken spoke to Dr. Keating and the request will be submitted to RCGC Board for their approval.

There is a plan to increase vocational offerings during the day. A cos teacher will teach during the day, starting next week, anticipate 1 or 2 classes during school day. They hope to offer 1-2 automotive classes after school, with an incentive to stay. They will change the afternoon vocation to be an hour (3:00-4:00 pm). A motion was made to offer an incentive of \$10 for pm participation. Karen stated she would like to obtain state approval for this new incentive. C. Bryan suggested that we move to conditionally approve the motion based on decision by the State. The motion was made by C. Bryan, seconded by Dr. King.

Kim reported at the last YIC meeting, that there was a concern regarding the new nutrition policy from DOE. *Does the DOE nutrition policy apply to students attending the Youth One Stop?* Karen spoke with K. Lew (and shared information with Kim) from SETC and he informed her that One Stop usage of funds are governed by WIA and not NJ DOE policies, therefore, the Nutrition policy does not apply to them. Kim provided a survey to the students in the Youth Advisory meeting and they suggested that questions be added to address vocational areas and scheduling. They also asked that the individual's survey answers be kept confidential.

Recruitment efforts include advertising on television Comcast 97 and Verizon 34. They also updated GCIT website with new information. The staff continues to leave informational flyers county-wide. The GCIT Principal will speak and provide brief summary & share informational flyers at next Gloucester/Salem County High School Principals Association meeting.

A motion for adjournment was made.

The next meeting will be held November 18, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

Bridget A. DiGiambattista, WIB Staff