

YOUTH INVESTMENT COUNCIL

November 18, 2014

Members Present

Cleve Bryan, Chair
Marge Fizur, GCIT
Dr. W. King, FBO
Sharon Rosado, Abilities Solutions
Sandy Uhr, GCIT Youth One Stop
Tom Bianco, WIB Director
Bridget DiGiambattista, WIB Staff

Kim Alexander, GCIT Youth One Stop
Laurie Haldeman, GCIT Youth One Stop
Terry Levins, DWD
Stacey Smith, DVRS
Sherry DiTizio, GC Housing Authority
Karen Dickel, WIB Staff

Members Absent

Shyeeda Banks, GC NAACP Youth Council
Nancy Chard, GC Human Services
Kelly Leyman, Devereux
Kristen Tahaney, Center for Family Services
Kimberley Webster, NJ Corps

Muncie Buckalew, St. John of God
Jessica Froba, NJJC
Leona Mather, Youth Parent
Robert Taylor, Boys & Girls Clubs

Visitor

Ken Kirkland, GCSSSD

Morgan Worrell, One Stop Student

Cleve opened the meeting at 2:00 pm.

A motion to approve October 21, 2014 meeting minutes was made by Dr. King, seconded by K. Alexander.

Student Report

The student reported she is happy with the program, but recommended more time for computer usage. She also participated in recent Student Advisory meeting and reported:
7 students attended;
Student of the Month was named; he won a \$25 WaWa gift card;
There are plans to add a history teacher starting in December & January, interviews are set for bakery & plumbing teachers, may add additional math teacher for morning;
Student survey results were reviewed;
Possible year end trip to Historic Cold Springs Village was discussed.

Status

Sandy reported they have 2 new students in October, 2 are waiting on approval.
Brian Mattei, County Apprenticeship Coordinator visited the Youth One Stop and provided information about apprenticeship.
Laurie Haldeman's weekly workshops continue.
Sandy expressed concern that 1 student's TASC testing was cancelled on 2 occasions due to lack of student participation and he could not attend the weekend testing because he had no transportation. There is supposed to be a minimum of 7 enrolled to have the test proctored. Kim stated this is concerning as it affects their monthly reporting, they only have 1 HSE completer for this month. There also appears to be confusion over whether the test is currently paper/pencil or computer based.

New/Old Business

Kim introduced Ken Kirkland, Youth One Stop Counselor. He meets with the Youth One Stop students weekly. Kim introduced Scott Costello, who will be learning Sandy Uhr's duties while she is out on medical.

Kirk Lew did approve additional \$10 incentive for after school (3:00 pm-4:00 pm) vocational experience. Kirk Lew informed Kim they are not restricted to nutrition rules for their meals.

A new updated brochure was completed. Flyers were dropped at SODAT and County Store. Mrs. Haldeman followed up on suggestions made at last meeting by contacting KYW, Rowan Radio and Clearer Channel but have not received response. She also met with owner of Tiki Tiki and he will be guest speaker at the Youth One Stop in January.

Cleve asked status of dedication of paver patio in honor of Herb Johnson, she reported she spoke with M. Dicken and they are waiting for response from F. Keating.

A motion was made to cancel the December Youth Investment Council due to being short staffed and approved by Dr. King.

A motion was made for adjournment by Dr. King.

The next meeting will be January 20, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

Bridget A. DiGiambattista, WIB Staff