

YOUTH INVESTMENT COUNCIL

January 20, 2015

Members Present

Cleve Bryan, Chair
Dan Angelucci, DWD
Michelle Giuliani-Shirey, WIB Director
Terry Levins, DWD
Sherry DiTizio, GC Housing Authority
Karen Dickel, WIB Staff

Kim Alexander, GCIT Youth One Stop
Marge Canning, GCIT
Dr. W. King, FBO
Sandy Uhr, GCIT Youth One Stop
Sharon Rosado, Abilities Solutions
Bridget DiGiambattista, WIB Staff

Members Absent

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

Muncie Buckalew, St. John of God
Jessica Froba, NJJC
Leona Mather, Youth Parent
Kristen Tahaney, Center for Family Services
Kimberly Webster, NJ Corps

Visitors

Kirk Lew, SETC
Brianna Gormley, Student

Tom Bianco, GC Economic Dev.
Sky Cox, Student

Cleve opened the meeting at 2:00 pm.

A motion to approve November 18, 2014 minutes was made by Dr. King, seconded by D. Angelucci.

Student Report

Both attending students reported they like the program, specifically the individual attention receiving by the teachers. Kirk Lew asked the students how they think would be best way in reaching other students. Both students responded social media would be best. Brianna attended on behalf of student advisory committee. She stated they discussed vocational scheduling and updating history classes. They now have history, plumbing & culinary teachers. There is an additional \$10 incentive for afternoon participation in vocational classes. Brianna was named student of the month of December and George McGuire was named student of the month for November.

Status

Sandy reported November/December numbers were steady. One student passed TASC test in December. From 7/1/14-12/31/14 9 students took TASC test and 7 passed, 2 passed some sections but not all. Staff will be working with those 2 in the specific areas failed. Students participated in collecting & boxing canned goods which were delivered to the Glassboro Food Bank. The held financial aid workshops, interview skills workshops, resume writing workshops, drugs in workplace workshop, and DUI Laws workshop. Students were taken on a tour of RCGC. Guest speakers recently were Ray Vaccari from NJ Manufacturing Talent Network regarding employment opportunities in manufacturing and Ryan Harbinson, of Tiki Tiki & Island Officials, spoke about becoming a video game designer. Kirk Lew suggested having the students help in putting the Youth One Stop newsletter together. Cleve suggested adding a brief testimony from the students about what the program means to them.

New Business

They have recently hired a history teacher, students go to GCIT for 1 hour of History Instruction and follow into culinary program. They have also added plumbing and culinary vocational areas. They have increased afternoon participation incentive. They continue to struggle to get students to participate in the 3:00-4:00 pm vocational classes.

Math instruction is held every morning. Kim has posted for a 3rd math teacher. Kim reported they are finding that the TABE test grade level equivalent is not the same as what is in the TASC curriculum of materials; **Example:** TABE results may show the individual is at an 8th grade level, however 8th grade level skills are higher in current TASC curriculum

Four students are currently participating in the College Readiness program at RCGC, it is held every Friday morning for 6 weeks.

Kirk Lew reported WIOA is replacing WIA in July 2015. He provided overview of how new law will affect youth. On January 26, 2015, Labor will release its new website focusing on WIOA. There are 7 workgroups developed that are aligned with some key aspects of the law looking at: planning, governance, career pathways, and youth, disabilities, performance, and One Stop services. The workgroups consist of staff from NJLWD and local areas. The first 5 months will be discussing the different parts of the law, in July they will begin drafting new unified state plans. By July 2016 performance measures will be implemented. The biggest anticipated changes in youth will be that 75% of Youth funding will go toward services for "out of school youth", competitive procurement for services, and eligibility for youth services will include reduced lunch, & there will be no income requirement for drop-out.

A motion for adjournment was made.

The next meeting will be held February 17, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

Bridget A. DiGiambattista, WIB Staff