

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
May 17, 2016

Members Present

Tom Bianco, Co-Chair
Stephen Hart, DWD
Dr. W. King, FBO
Kim Alexander, GCIT
Joan Killian, GCIT Youth Educa.
Michelle Shirey, WDB Director
Bridget DiGiambattista, WDB Staff

Rudy Aikens, GC Human Services
Laurie Haldeman, GCIT Youth Education
Terry Levins, DWD
Natalie Perez, DWD
Sharon Rosado, Abilities Solutions
Sandy Uhr, GCIT Youth Educa.

Members Absent

Cleve Bryan, Chair
Jessica Froba, NJJC
Andrea Guzman, DVRS
Leona Mather, Youth Parent
Marie Rafter, GC Probation
Jenn Shaw, DVRS
Kristen Tahaney, Center for Family Services
Kimberly Webster, NJ Corps

Cari Burke, Family Success Center
Kim Gober, GC Housing Authority
Erin Klein, Robin's Nest
Mien Mombo, Dept. of Children & Family
John Rasmus, GC Housing Authority
Stacey Smith, DVRS
Robert Taylor, Boys & Girls Clubs
Gregory Wright, GCIT Youth Educa.

Visitor

Helina Hodson, Student

Tom opened the meeting at 2:00 pm.

A motion to approve February 16, 2016 minutes was made by Dr. King, seconded by S. Hart.

Youth Advisory Committee

Helina reported they met in April, 7 students were present and they met in May, 4 students were present. The following was discussed: community service projects and asked for volunteers. April community service project was a food drive, May community service project will be a visit to Shady Lane. They will be hosting a graduation luncheon on May 26. June will be cleanup event in Wenonah. A service project they are doing is a dog chew toy and they will be distributed to animal shelters and rescue dog sites.

Helina stated she is thankful an opportunity like this program is available and specifically likes the one on one mentoring. She hopes to go to college and is interested in ultrasound technician.

Status

Recruitment – Sandy reported they are receiving a lot of phone calls inquiring about the program and mailing applications. They are in constant contact with Principals from Glassboro, Clearview, Kingsway, and Williamstown.

Enrollment – 30 students have graduated. They recently had 2 young men living in a foster home complete the program in 2 weeks.

Highlights since February include: Plumbers Union visited and gave presentation, AllState Insurance job shadowing, Kennedy Health and Wells Fargo, RCGC Tour, RCGC Scholarship Signing Ceremony, Camden County College Tour.

New/Old Business

Monitoring - Sandy reported Brian & Terry visited on April 14 regarding corrective measures for items 3, 4, & 6, Sandy reported they have been met. Sandy stated they are in need of full time bus driver. Michelle stated we will wait for RFP response.

Summer Program – RFP is out for the Summer Program, anticipate awarding last week of May. A total of \$91,000 will be available for the program.

Announcements

Youth Graduation Ceremony will be held June 9, 6:30 pm at GCIT/Theater. They have approximately 18 students participating in the ceremony. Dr. Keating will be guest speaker. There are about 3 students filling out applications for available scholarship. Michelle suggested offering incentives to the students to fill out the scholarship application. Kim suggested having it part of writing project.

Michelle stated there are a lot of resources going into WIOA to ensure compliance and there will be trainings available, if anyone is interested in training, she would like to know. When she receives training notices, she will forward.

A motion for adjournment was made.

The next meeting will be held September 20, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

Bridget A. DiGiambattista, WDB Staff