

EXECUTIVE & ONE STOP OPERATIONS

April 18, 2018

Members Present

Michael Girone, Vice Chair
Tom Brown, MASCEC
Kim Gober, GC Housing Authority
Jack Fisher, Apprenticeship & Industry Dev.
Michelle Shirey, GC Workforce Development Board
Anne Wodnick, GC Library System
Bridget DiGiambattista, WDB Staff

Tom Bianco, GC Economic Development
Robert DeMarco, NJLWD
Stephen Hart, DWD
Dr. William King, Community Needs
Denise Taguwa, NJLWD

Members Absent

Les Vail, Chair
Cleve Bryan, Youth Development Council
Michael Dicken, GCIT
Hunter Kintzing, Resource Analysis & Budget
William Lang, GC Social Services
Stacey Smith, DVRS

Anthony Bellia, Marketing & Business Outreach
Lisa Cerny, GC Human & Disability Svcs.
Sam Ferraino, Apprenticeship & Industry Dev.
Jerry Knast, St. John of God
Brigette Satchell, RCGC
Eileen Gallo, WDB Staff

Mike opened the meeting at 2:30 pm.

A motion to approve January 17, 2018 meeting minutes was made by T. Bianco, seconded by S. Hart.

Committee Reports

Apprenticeship & Industry – Jack reported they are closer to development of apprentice program that offers exchange of information to develop apprenticeship opportunities. We want to help owners & operators meet their needs of apprenticeship. In order to attract more members and current members of the committee we will look at maybe holding afternoon meetings. A motion to move the May 10, 2018 meeting from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm was made by K. Gober, seconded by S. Hart.

Community Needs – Dr. King reported the information on Gloucester County residents that are incarcerated at the Salem County Correctional Facility and referring them to the AJC to get registered to services has improved. Dr. King asked if FBO organizations are on mailing lists. Michelle stated we will have our intern Madeline compile list of FBO's and will make sure they receive any information from the Library, RCGC, & WDB. Stephen stated he has been working with some FBO's and plans to conduct small information session about the services of the AJC. Michelle asked Stephen if once the list is compiled by intern if he would review and add some of the organizations he is working with. Anne Wodnick stated as part of the DOL grant, B. Satchell provided a list of FBO's.

Marketing & Business Outreach – Michelle reported the job fair held on March 23, 2018 was a huge success. We know 7 people left the job fair with a job! She indicated the feedback received so far has been extremely positive. The open house at the AJC held February 21, 2018 was a success. Our Engage by Cell is really taking off, as of the 60 day mark we crossed over 10,000 application views. Michelle said at the 90 mark we would like to give an analytical report, we will give short presentation at next Full WDB Membership Conference. Robert reported they have noticed more clients coming to the office for recruitments. Stephen stated they introduced the Engage by Cell to partners at Div. Social Services because the TANF, ABAWDS & GA have lower show rate attending events and he hears from Social Services clients are asking for and using the information. This is also shared with the group at drug court presentations and also has been included in training orientations. Michelle extended a thank you to Tom Bianco, as he was the mastermind behind the Engage by Cell program and also for marketing & branding as the Mobile Job Center.

Youth Development Center – Tom reported from July 2017-January 2018 7 students passed the HSE test. A student recently job shadowed at Parke Bank. As part of the positive outcomes, we need to make sure students have credentialing. Starting in March 2018, the following new certifications have been added: ServSafe Food Safe Manager; First Aid-American Red Cross; Certified Front Desk Representative; OSHA Forklift Operator.

Resource Analysis & Budget – Michelle reported no update from the State on funding, however, the new commissioner did visit the AJC recently. We applied and was approved for a \$22,000 additional funding for expungement services, hope to receive notice shortly. We have spent all 2016 monies, giving back very little. The 2017 WFNJ & WIOA money is about expended and must be obligated by June 30, 2018.

New / Old Business

Tom extended thank you to Freeholder Simmons, Michelle Shirey, and MidAtlantic States Career & Education for providing a job readiness workshop for those in the sober living homes. The workshop was attended by approximately 16 people.

Atlantic City Electric Project - Michelle reported ACE proposed to put \$6.2 million in South Jersey Economic Development Infrastructure and Workforce over the next 6 years. The contract will be executed at the April 18, 2018 Freeholder Board meeting. The Gloucester County part of the contract will be for \$540,000 over 6 years and will be used for support programing for their workforce needs. Gloucester County portion will cover the Women in Sustainable Energy program (WISE) and the pre-math qualification program.

New Building @ RCGC – We are officially building a new workforce development center at RCGC as part of an Eds & Meds corridor and the expansion of education & workforce development and industry credentials. Our building will be the first of 3 buildings, construction is scheduled to start May 2018. The AJC, Economic Development and GC Chamber of Commerce will be in the first building.

Announcements

Anne reported the Innovation Studio located at RCGC is open and the students are very involved. She wants all to know the studio is open to businesses and public at large.

Kim reported the GCHA has opened the waitlist for veterans only for the housing choice voucher program, they must have copy of their DD214. The GCHA has committed project based vouchers to the Camp Salute project in Clayton. They are still accepting applications for project based vouchers for veterans only.

Tom Brown reported several clients from the AJC have contacted him regarding expungement, 2 of the clients are interested in the medical field and they will not be able to enter with a record. These individuals were charged and charges were dismissed, however, they still show as having a criminal record and that can be cleared through expungement.

Stephen thanked Denise Taguwa, NJLWD Business Representative for providing training to AJC staff on the new intake application form. The WFNJ TANF participation rate has increased from July 2017 – present, they are at 21.2% which is up from 13% last year.

A motion for adjournment was made by T. Bianco, seconded by A. Wodnick

The next meeting is scheduled for July 18, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

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