

EXECUTIVE & ONE STOP OPERATIONS

January 17, 2018

Members Present

Les Vail, WDB Chair
Anthony Bellia, Marketing & Business Outreach
Tom Brown, MidAtlantic States Career & Ed. Ctr.
Robert DeMarco, NJLWD
Dr. W. King, Community Needs Assessment
Anne Wodnick, GC Library System
Bridget DiGiambattista, WDB Staff

Michael Girone, WDB Vice Chair
Tom Bianco, GC Economic Development
Lisa Cerny, GC DHS & Disability Svcs.
Stephen Hart, DWD
Brigette Satchell, RCGC
Eileen Gallo, WDB Staff

Members Absent

Cleve Bryan, Youth Development Council
Same Ferraino, Apprenticeship & Industry
Kim Gober, GC Housing Authority
Jerry Knast, St. John of God
Michelle Shirey, WDB Director

Michael Dicken, GCIT
Jack Fisher, Apprenticeship & Industry
Hunter Kintzing, Resource Analysis & Budget
William Lang, GC Div. Social Services
Stacey Smith, DVRS

Visitor

Denise Taguwa, NJLWD

Tom opened meeting at 2:30 pm.

Nomination for WDB Chair & WDB Vice-Chair

Dr. King reported that there were two people nominated for each position, Les Vail as WDB Chair and Michael Girone as WDB Vice-Chair. Ballots were emailed to voting members. As a result of nominations received, the Nominating Committee recommended Les Vail as WDB Chair and Michael Girone as WDB Vice-Chair. A motion was made to the Executive Committee to accept the recommendation to elect Les Vail and Michael Girone. The recommendation was accepted by B. Satchell, seconded by P. Kaprielyan.

A motion to approve minutes from the October 24, 2017 was made by Dr. King, seconded by T. Brown.

WDB By-Laws

WDB By-Laws were presented; no changes have been made since last approved (4/2016). A motion to approve the By-Laws for 2018 was made by M. Girone, seconded by T. Bianco.

Announcements

Anne W. announced the County Library and RCGC are partnering and having an opening of an innovation studio on RCGC campus that will be run by GCLS. The studio is open to student, faculty, and the general public community. Opening ceremony will be Thursday, Jan. 25, 2:00 pm at RCGC.

Dr. King's concern remains with the Gloucester County inmates, as well as individuals involved in the "bracelet" program, that upon their release are properly informed about the services available to them at the American Job Center.

Tom reported the Apprenticeship & Industry Development committee will be restructuring to allow more involvement by its members.

GC DHS & Disability Services – Lisa announced January 24 will be the annual Point in Time survey of the homeless population in Gloucester County. They are in the 25th day of cold blue, a law effective November 2017 to ensure unsheltered homeless are sheltered during extreme cold. They were recently awarded \$3.5 million for homeless programs in the region (Cumberland, Gloucester, Camden, & Cape May).

Les announced the next Town Spotlight will be Woodbury Heights on February 7, 2018 at Gateway High School/Library from 8 am – 10 am.

Les announced the GC Chamber has expanded their partnership at RCGC for Chamber members and their employees can receive 1/3rd discount on tuition for degreed education now to include certificate programs.

Tom thanked the AJC and the Workforce & Professional Development Institute, they recently completed another successful training program for Lamatek.

Tom reported the AJC has started to collect information for the Engage by Cell program.

Les reported an open house will be held at the American Job Center on February 21, 2018 to showcase the available services.

Robert reported the AJC has been busy recently due to issue with unemployment claims. Therefore, the staff has used this time wisely to speak with the visitors about all the available services.

Stephen reported they are the top 7 in the State for TANF participate rate. They have attended drug court awareness and discuss services that are available. The AJC has been actively engaging unemployed individuals list in AOSOS concerning WLL services; therefore, enrollment has increased.

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

The next meeting will be held April 18, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

Bridget A. DiGiambattista, WDB Staff