

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
September 18, 2018

Members Present

Cleve Bryan, Chair
Marge Canning, GCIT
Andrea Guzmen-Rivera, DVRS
Natalie Perez, DWD
Daniel Sulpizio, Business
Gregory Wright, GCIT
Lisa Butler, GC Housing Authority
Bridget DiGiambattista, WDB Staff

Tom Bianco, Co-Chair
Laurie Haldeman, GCIT
Dr. W. King, FBO
Stephen Hart, DWD
Denise Taguwa, NJLWD
Scott Costello, GCIT
Eileen Gallo, WDB Staff

Members Absent

Rudy Aikens, GC Human Services
Jessica Froba, NJJJC
Mien Mombo, Dept. Children & Family
Gina Pratta, Family Success Center
Sharon Rosado, Abilities Solutions
Kristen Tahaney, Ctr. For Family Services

Kim Alexander, GCIT
Erin Klein, Robin's Nest
Susan Perron, Abilities Solutions
Marie Rafter, GC Probation
Michelle Shirey, WDB Director
Kimberly Webster, Job Corps

Visitor

Niasha Kent, YECC Student

Cleve opened the meeting at 2:00 pm.

A motion to approve May 15, 2018 meeting minutes was made by Dr. King, seconded by D. Sulpizio.

Youth Development Committee Report

A meeting was held 9/12/18, 4 students were present. They will continue making dog chew toys for PetSavers Organization. They started a shoe drive for PetSavers Organization which will end Oct. 26. A can tab collection to benefit Ronald McDonald House was started and will run through the school year. Job shadowing will begin in October and run all school year. They will job shadow at GCIT in IT Dept., Administrative Assistant, and Custodial Department, Learn with Me Day Care, Liscio's Bakery, & Parke Bank. A representative from State Financial Mortgage Company will speak with the students on 9/25.

Niasha reported she likes the program, specifically the one-on-one interaction and the provided transportation.

Changes in Workflow & Reporting

Eileen reported a new workflow was implemented in June 2018, but they are still observing. Greg reported he feels it is working well.

A college readiness curriculum will be offered 2 times a month & taught by GCSSSD teacher.

Status

Gregory introduced Scott Costello as new YECC facilitator replacing Sandy Uhr and James D'Arpino, new English teacher at YECC.

Learn with Me Day Care will offer job shadowing opportunities for the students, once job shadowing is complete, they will receive certificate from Learn with Me Day Care.

ServeSafe requisition was submitted

Certified Front Desk Representative

Enrollment - Gregory reported there are currently 5 enrolled in the program, 5 new starts, and 9 pending applications.

New/Old Business

CASAS Assessment – Eileen reported they lowered TABE eligibility from 6th grade to 5th grade. Eileen reported we will be changing from the current TABE test which take up to 6 hours to complete to CASAS, which takes about 3 hours to complete. They will be switching from TABE testing to CASA starting November, 2018.

YECC New Logo – A new logo was presented recently however, was not well received by the WDB Marketing Committee. Eileen reported they will go out for bid for a professionally created logo. Cleve requested that new logo be shared with the YECC committee before final determination.

Stephen recommended that if the YECC has higher enrollment from specific district they should target with YECC information to assist with recruitment.

Dan thanked Gregory for inviting him to deliver the commencement address to the graduating youth on June 6 2018.

Eileen reported we will be doing a new report to incorporate what is required under our contract and WIOA laws. Eileen said the youth will be referred to the AJC using the universal referral form to the AJC partners in order to receive additional services. Stephen Hart recommended that the AJC calendar be sent to the YECC, as well.

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

The next meeting will be December 18, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

Bridget A. DiGiambattista, WDB Staff