

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
May 15, 2018

Members Present

Tom Bianco, Co-Chair	Rudy Aikens, GC Disability & Human Svrs.
Marge Canning, GCIT	Laurie Haldeman, GCIT
Dr. William King, FBO	Natalie Perez, DWD
Marie Rafter, GC Probation	Denise Taguwa, NJLWD
Sandy Uhr, GCIT	Gregory Wright, GCIT
Eileen Gallo, WDB Staff	Bridget DiGiambattista, WDB Staff

Members Absent

Cleve Bryan, Chair	Jessica Froba, NJJC
Kim Gober, GC Housing Authority	Andrea Guzman, DVRS
Erin Klein, Robin's Nest	Mien Mombo, NJ Dept. of Children & Family
Susan Perron, Abilities Solutions	Gina Pratta, Family Success Center
John Rasmus, GC Housing Authority	Sharon Rosado, Abilities Solutions
Michelle Shirey, WDB Director	Stacey Smith, DVRS
Daniel Sulpizio, Business	Kristen Tahaney, Center for Family Services
Kimberly Webster, Job Corps	

Tom opened meeting at 2:00 pm.

A motion to approve February 20, 2018 was made by G. Wright, seconded by Dr. King.

Youth Advisory Committee Report

Laurie reported the committee met on May 15, 2018, five students were present. Four students toured ASI Career Institute, three students attended the GC Mega Job Fair. The food drive held during March was a success, all food was donated to the Glassboro Food Bank. There were two job shadow activities one a Liscio's and the other at ParkeBank in March.

The committee met on April 25, six students were present. They discussed the career exploration trip to Deptford Mall. The Gloucester County Apprentice Coordinator spoke with the class, 3 students expressed interest in apprenticeship. On May 3, a student attended the American Red Cross First Aid Certification and earned her industry valued credential in First Aid/CPR-AED. Two students were taught and passed the Front Desk Representative, both students earned industry valued credentials in Certified Front Desk Representative. Students made patriotic door knob hangers and delivered to Shady Lane residents. On May 22, there will be a job shadowing at GCIT for HVAC, 2 students will be attending.

Status

Sandy reported number of students attending has increased, number of students passing HSE has increased, but still have students TABE test that do not pass.

Tom extended congratulations to Sandy Uhr on her upcoming retirement and thanked her for her dedication to the youth. Gregory also thanked Sandy for her dedication to the youth.

New/Old Business

Industry Credential Update – Gregory stated they continue to find opportunities that meet the required credentials.

TABE & CASAS Assessment – Eileen reported due to the length of TABE test, which can be up to 6 hours long, we will transitioning to the CASAS Assessment test, starting January 1, 2018.

At a recent WDB Marketing meeting, there was discussion for the Youth Education & Career Center (YECC) to create a new logo specific to the YECC and create their own webpage. There was also

discussion on using social media outlets such as Instagram & Twitter. It was suggested to create a facebook page which would target specific groups, i.e. youth and/or parents. Another idea was to create an infographic which would show timeline of earning diploma from YECC. Gregory stated he spoke with Mr. Dementri of GCIT about the global calendar to show YECC monthly activities. Gregory provided draft a new YECC logo.

Announcements

YECC graduation will be held Wednesday, June 6, 6:00 pm at GCIT Theater.

A motion for adjournment was made by L. Haldeman, seconded by Dr. King.

The next meeting will be September 18, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

Bridget A. DiGiambattista, WDB Staff