Youth Investment Council Minutes

**June 6, 2023**

**Attendance**: Fran Kuhn Sherrise A. Moten Greg Freelon Cynthia Torres Nina Stolzenberg

Dr. A. Holmes Kamani Blackmon Steven King Seyanni Godfrey Rev. Odinga Maddox

**Absent:** Cindy Herdman-Ivins Claire Millar Geoffrey Dorsey Kelly De Curtis Ren Parikh

Jackie Alderman Candace Titanski

Mr. Freelon began the meeting at 4:07pm with introductions of the youth participants, Kamani Blackmon (aged 18), Steven King (aged 18) and Seyanni Godfrey(aged 14) from the Boys and Girls Club in Atlantic City. Mr. Freelon discussed how he has continued preparing the youth for this meeting and how the members should explain subjects in a manner the youth can comprehend.

Mr. Kuhn requested a motion to accept the minutes from the November meeting. Motion by Ms. Torres second by the Chair, the motion passes, no objections.

***Out School Youth Update*:** Mr. Kuhn discussed how IDEAL Institute of Technology was the only respondent for the Out of School Youth RFP. The submittal included a request for $6000,000 with a LOS of 79. The Board did have over seventeen requests on BID Express.

***Youth Corp.:*** Rev. Maddox provided an overview of the last cohort and graduation plans have begun for June29th at 11:00am, location Atlantic Cape Community College. Rev. Maddox requested attendees to use parking lots 3 and 4. The new cohort orientation will begin July 6-7,2023. The Youth Corp Program is the latest recipient of the Gateway Grant in the amount of $ 32,000 funded by the New Jersey Department of Labor. The program final numbers are as follows:

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| June High School Graduates | 15 |
| Employed | 15 |
| Post Secondary | 4 |
| Vocational | 6 |
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| **Total PY22 LOS** | 30 |

***Youth Works Update:*** Ms. Torres provided an update for the Summer Youth Program. She described how the Youth Works Program is no longer promoting the program and how they are currently at the maximum for applications. They will be referring the youth to the LIT Program in Atlantic City. The SYEP Program numbers are as follows:

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| Enrolled Youth | 169 |
| Placed in sites | 20 |
| Officially Placed | 77 |
| Participating Employers | 47 |
| Work Location Needed | 200 |
| Work Readiness | 34 |
| Metrics | 13 |

Ms. Torres provided program year end numbers (July 1, 2022 – July 1, 2023). They are as follows:

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Vendor | LOS | Enroll | Cred | % of Fulfill |
| Boys and Girl Club | 29 | 29 | 8 | 100% |
| Special Services School | 29 | 26 | 0 | 90% |
| **ISY Program Total** | **58** | **52** | **4** | **93%** |
| Ideal | 138 | 139 | 63 | 101% |
| **Youth Program Totals** | **196** | **141** | **27** | **72%** |
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***Jewish Community Center Update:***

Ms. Stolzenberg provided an update on outpatient counselling provided to youth 14-24 years of age. The JFS has a 1-year In school program that provides career exploration that includes paid internships. She discussed an extended program that is provided to 16–24-year-olds that have completed school. This program provides some supports while in school and local preeminent work. This program includes bus passes, clothes for work, access to a vehicle for testing needs.

Mr. Freelon mentioned creating a WIB jingo, for increased advertisement. This can be created by the kids from the Boys and Girls Club. Further discussion to follow.

Kamani had a question about any drivers education program and how the members could participate. Ms. Torres stated she will connect with Kamani after the meeting.

The Chair requested a motion to adjourn , motion by Ms. Stolzenberg second by Kamani Blackmon .

Meeting concluded at 5:15pm. Next meeting September 12, 2023

Submitted by:

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