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Youth Investment Committee Minutes

**March 21, 2023**

**Attendance:** Fran Kuhn Sherrise A. Moten Greg Freelon Cynthia Torres  
 Ren Parikh Dr. A. Holmes Jackie Alderman Candace Titanski Heather Oldis Kelly De Curtis  
 Kamani Blackman Steven King Seyanni Godfrey

**Absent:** Cindy Herdman-Ivins Claire Millar Geoffrey Dorsey Rev. Odinga Maddox

Mr. Freelon began the meeting with introductions of the new youth participants, Kami, Steven and Seyanni from the Boys and Girls Club in Atlantic City. Mr. Freelon discussed how he has been meeting with the youth for two weeks in preparation for this subcommittee meeting.

Mr. Kuhn requested a motion to accept the minutes from the November meeting. Motion by C. Titanski second by H. Oldis, no objections the motion passes.

**In-School Youth/ Out School Youth Update:**

Mr. Kuhn discussed that the strategic support group will be reviewing the final draft of the Out of School Youth Proposal. This agreement will fund youth between the ages of 16-24 without affecting any benefits to TANF, GA or SNAP recipients monthly awards. Each youth/ young adult will receive a \$12 per hour stipend with a maximum of 30 hours per week. Mr. Kuhn stated the application process should have a 20 day turn around with one week for scoring and will be awarded in May.

Dr. Holmes reported that B. Little is currently acting Director of Boys and Girls Club after Stephanie Koch's resignation. They are currently working on the Café at the Pennsylvania Avenue location. The staff is preparing to train the students using transitional jobs and a component for the critically unemployed. They currently have six internships.

C. Torres reported the Youthworks vendors status for 2022-2023

Vendor	LOS	Enroll	Cred	% of Fulfil
Boys and Girl Club	29	26	4	90%
Special Services School	29	26	0	90%
<b>ISY Program Total</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>90%</b>
Ideal	138	89	23	64%
<b>Youth Program Totals</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>72%</b>

Her report included ITA/job development totals @ 17 . The total for the program cycle for youth services are 213. She conclude with new enrollments will end on March 31<sup>st</sup>.



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Mr. Kuhn discussed performance and second quarter, and fourth quarter numbers reflect the median wage increase and measurable skill gains.

Mr. Kuhn discussed the WFNJ summer program that includes 16-24 younger adults and youth. This program should center on the DYFUS clients and youth that are aging out of the system. He shared information of the partnership with the LIT program in Atlantic City, and how they will be working with 100 of the 250 young adults and youth that will participate in the summer youth employment program.

Apreeah Parks, Workforce Director of B & G Club reported 28 career exploration youth enrolled. The program started in March. They have 13 certified to date. The program is working with NJ Dream builders Real Estate company and have been exposed the youth to the newly renovated hotel rooms at Caesar Casino and Hotel. Dr. Holmes added they are continuing to teach the youth resume building, cover letters, appearance and customer service skills.

Mr. Freelon reported that he is working with Ideal Institute with the One Seed at a Time program. They have been experimenting on several different types of seeds and the youth appear to be enjoying the experience.

Youth Corp of NJ: **No Report.**

Mr. Kuhn will share a report from the Light Institute with the committee. He included information about the Atlantic Electric willingness to take on 20 youth for a summer program. Mr. Kuhn shared in conclusion that the Local Plan meeting will be March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00pm.

Mr. Freelon requested a motion to adjourn, motion by Ms. Titanski second by Ms. Oldis.

The meeting ended at 5:10pm

Next meeting June 6<sup>th</sup> 4:00pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Sherrise A. Moten  
Contract Administrator/Board Liaison