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Atlantic County Workforce Development Youth Investment Council

March 15, 2022

Attendance

Fran Kuhn	Sherrise A. Moten	Michael Margarf
Cynthia Torres	Brian Little	Leesa Seymour
Rev. Odinga Maddox	Gina DeMaio	Anne Dillon

Absent: Greg Freelon, Candace Titanski, Cindy Herdman-Ivins, Claire Millar, Diana Strelcyk, Connie Price, Sgt. J. Williams, Ren Parikh, J. Sarkos, J. Williams, Jackie Adelman

I. Review of Minutes

This meeting was called to order at 9:39 am by Mr. Kuhn . A motion was given by Anne. D. to accept the minutes and second by Leesa S. Cynthia T. abstained, motion passed with no discussion.

II. The Summer Youth Employment Program for PY 22 grant award amount will be \$188,000 for 62 students. We are working on identifying employers for an 8-week program due to begin recruitment in April with the 1st cohort in May and the 2nd cohort in July. The SYEP will be in-school and out-of-school youth between the ages of 16-24. They will be paid \$13.50 per hour, 25 hours per week. Mr. Kuhn shared that some of the employers are willing to supplement the difference between 13.50 and 15.00 per hour to level the playing field.

Mr. Kuhn offered information on the WDB WFNJ Summer Youth Program that will offer the student \$15.00 per hour for 30 hours per week. This program will target TANF households ages 16-24.

III. (ISY) In-School Youth new RFP will be developed after more discussion with Cynthia T. Youthworks Supervisor on need and possible changes. Working on an April deadline.

IV. Service Updates

Anne D. reported that masks are now optional with the community and work experience. While they had planned to have several new community work experiences for the students, this year, they are working on when and where to prepare for Summer and next Fall. She mentioned IDEAL’s Career Expo on Friday. Anne. D. also mentioned they are continuing ServSafe with ACCC. They are working on measurable skill gain not credentials for their performance benchmarks.

Brian L. from the Boys and Girls Club had no report. He was the proxy for Stephanie K.

Cynthia shared that ACBGC had 14 enrolled youth. They are working on (3) three career fields including ServSafe Culinary training. Youthworks staff will be visiting ACBGC for a site visit in the coming week.



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Gina D. of Atlantic County Institute of Technology (ACIT) reported they are working with Career and Technical Education curriculum. She expressed interest in learning more about the summer employment offer from Tourmo Entertainment, who is looking for 60 plus summer hires for miniature golf and other amusement venues in Ocean City and Margate.

V. Old Business

Cynthia T. reported IDEAL OSY Updates 78 enrolled, 56% fulfillment Rate, 6 High School Equivalent Exam completions, 48 credentials, 10 pending enrollment/ISS (Individual Service Strategy Plan).

Jewish Family Services : Enrolled 2

Rev. Maddox reported for the NJ Youth Corp that his 3rd cohort will be part of the Urban Gateway grant which has 10 youth and will be extended by the Department of Transportation until April 29th. He stated the youth will receive an 8-week stipend. The students are working on a project on Delilah and Franklin Blvd which began in 2013. Due to an auto incident the site had to be re-done, all work will be supervised by a returning Crew Leader Roger A. Rev. Maddox reported the NJ Youth Corp goal is 20 high school diplomas and they are more than halfway there.

VI. New business

Mr. Kuhn reported he is having joint discussions with other Family Success Center. The meeting in Atlantic City with Tatsiana DaGrosa went well. Mr. Kuhn and Amanda Hammond from DCP & P met to discuss the youth that will be aging out of the foster care system. They were very concerned about the independent living plan for 16–18-year-olds and how the focus should be on connecting them to the workforce plan. Leesa S. will forward information to the Resource Development Officer T. M. in order to make connection/introduction for the WDB.

Brian questioned when the focus group will be developed with the WDB. Mr. Kuhn stated we will contact the ACBGC and others for recommendations and feedback.

Motion to conclude meeting by Leesa S. seconded by Gina D. at 10:05am.