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**Atlantic County Workforce Development Youth Investment Council**

May 10, 2022

**Attendance:**

Fran Kuhn      Sherrise A. Moten      Greg Freelon      Cynthia Torres      Leesa Seymour  
 Rev. Odinga Maddox      Anne Dillion      Dr. A. Holmes      Jackie Adelman      Stephanie Koch

**Absent:**

Candace Titanski      Cindy Herdman-Ivins      Claire Millar      Sgt Sarkos      Officer Williams  
 Michael Margraf      Ren Parikh      Dr. P Guenther

**I. Review of Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Kuhn at 9:37am. A Motion was given by Leesa Seymour to accept the minutes from the 3-15-22 and second by Stephanie Koch, motion passed with no discussion one abstention.

**II. Summer Youth Employment Program Update:**

Mr. Kuhn provided an update of funding from the summer youth employment grant totaling \$184,800 for 60 youth. The target was 25 hours per week for eight weeks at \$15.00 per hour, which is an increase from the \$13.50 that was originally reported. The youth are required to complete seven days of job readiness and education then participate in a work experience for six and half weeks. Cynthia added that our numbers reflect 50 applicants currently, which does not include some other sites that have kids ready to go. She continued to state we anticipate going over the number 60 with approximately 100 positions in the community. Mr. Kuhn explained that we will take the 60 slots and supplement that with WIOA Title I funds from PY21 funds. We will be creating a separate 3-month program at \$15 per hour, 30 hours a week for the TANF youth ages 16-24. This will not take place until we fill all of the slots for the SYEP.

Mr. Kuhn shared his contact with the Department of Health. They are looking for assistance with their community covid/rapid response team. They have requested 12 students between the ages of 16-18 that might be interested. Mr. Kuhn will forward the flyer from the State Department of Health to Stephanie K.

**III. In School Youth/Out of School Youth**

We are finalizing the paperwork that has been submitted. The RFP for In School Youth is still out with a deadline of May 17, 2022.

The Atlantic County Workforce Development Board is intent on pursuing job development through work-based learning. We are looking at OJT and incumbent worker training as components of our work-based learning service array. In PY22 we will be exploring Transitional Jobs, which provides job candidates who have a very limited work history or have been chronically employed, the opportunity to participate in a paid work experience program in the private sector. What makes this work experience different from OJT



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is that the employer will not have to hire the worker at its conclusion. We have not yet begun marketing this program. Mr. Kuhn stated he will develop a resolution for the board probably in September.

Mr. Kuhn discussed the contract dates for current proposals.

#### **V. Service Update:**

Boys and Girls Club's update was provided by Stephanie K. The In-school youth Program is concluding with efforts to obtain additional certifications for involved youth. The club is still on track to open a Café in the fall that will focus on 18–24-year-old students. They will receive 3 months of training as part of the club's program. The club provides 150 warm meals each night in the commercial kitchen. The club's focus is on 12–13-year-olds in terms of career exploration. The plan is to start early.

Mr. Kuhn added an update regarding the Family Success Centers in Hammonton, EHT, Galloway and three locations in Atlantic City. The WDB team is preparing an MOU that will begin the partnership with the community to get the team out in the community. Mr. Kuhn included the plan for an orientation of workforce development services at each location. The schedule is pending.

Anne D. reported that her students will be taking a ACCC Serv Safe Food Handler course. Her students are working with community-based work sites.

Ideal's report came from Cynthia that stated that they are almost at 100%. She stated that Dhara Bachman submitted 111 on her list for enrollment.

Jewish Family Service: No Report (not in attendance)

Cynthia also reported that she attended an event at Egg Harbor Township School on May 4. She confirmed that people are looking for job opportunities upon graduation.

#### **Youth Corp Report:**

Rev. Maddox reported NJYC met their LOS of 30. He stated we are a part of the Urban Gateway grant which has 10 youth and had been given an extension by the Department of Transportation until April 29<sup>th</sup> to finish its project. Rev. Maddox reported the NJ Youth Corp's goal is 20 high school diplomas and they are more than halfway there. Graduation is scheduled Friday June 24. This will be a virtual experience.

Mr. Kuhn had a discussion with Amanda Hammond from DCP&P. The Division of Child Protection and Permanency has an independent living structure but does not connect with the workforce development. We are trying to make the connection to be a safety net for the kids.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

The meeting concluded at 10:14am with a motion from Anne D. and seconded by Stephanie K.