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Youth Investment Committee Minutes

November 15, 2022

Attendance: Fran Kuhn Sherrise A. Moten Greg Freelon Cynthia Torres Curtis Still
Rev. Odinga Maddox Gina DeMaio Ren Parikh Dr. A. Holmes Jackie Alderman Michael Margraf

Absent: Cindy Herdman-Ivins Claire Millar Sgt. Sarkos Officer Williams Dr. P Guenther
Stephanie Koch Candace Titanski Heather Oldis Kelly De Curtis Geoffrey Dorsey

Mr. Kuhn began the meeting with a motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting. Motion by Gina D (Atlantic City H.S.) Second by Mark M. (State DOL).

Mr. Kuhn shared information about Net America, which began five years ago as a grant in 2019. He continued stating that this is supportive service to the employer that provides tool, transportation, and credentials. Each employer would have to registers in the Rapid System with a 1000-hour requirement for the year. Net America is using their own funds to promote the service for 16–21-year-old. He confirmed the Public Assistance numbers are not increasing.

Ren P. (IDEAL Technology Institute) gave his report of 30 job openings in IDEAL. He stated higher wages are having an impact on people with other employers like Amazon which is paying 25 per hour.

Eric D. (Job Developer) reminded members that our Facebook page provides information about job opportunities, and to forward all information to him.

Gina D. (Atlantic City H.S.) reported she is officially the replacement for the Atlantic City Program and the In-School Youth Program. Atlantic City's numbers are 23 students 6 new with the same curriculum. Youthworks Supervisor Cynthia T. confirmed 20 enrolled and 6 pending for the program.

The Boys and Girls Club's report was provided by Dr. Holmes who confirmed 29 enrolled in the Career Exploration Program.

Ren P. (IDEAL) confirmed 6 HYSET certification pending. The program has purchased several hundred vouchers/ They 35 enrolled and 12 students pending.

Dr. Maddox confirmed Youth Corp has 12 enrolled and , 2 Completed Drives licenses testing and passed, 8 students will be testing next month. The program is training in Service Learning, volunteering at the Food Bank and working with the City of Pleasantville weekly. Finally the program has received 12 OSHA 10-hour Safety/Health Training certification. He stated that some of his pervious students will be returning for the OSHA training. One students has already received GED, with the expectation that all the students will earn their diploma at the end of the cohort.

Cynthia T. (Youthworks) reported 8 referrals from the Adult Unit which was referred to the Learning Link, One opening enrollment with Occupational Training.



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Mr. Kuhn updated the committee on his discussion with WAWA. They have a request for \$145,000 in assistance with funding for transportation. The WDB can only assist with approximately \$40,000. The potential partnership will provide kids transportation to work along the Shore Line near Oak Crest, Buena, and Egg Harbor Township. He confirmed that the WDB has limited funds, will have to create an RFP. Cynthia T. will be working along with Mr. Kuhn with the details.

Mr. Kuhn confirmed the Atlantic Electric summer program has not been confirmed. He will contact Rachelle Dorsey for confirmation.

Old Business:

Greg F. (Chair) will work on the guideline for youth participation in the committee. Mr. Kuhn discussed the possibility of changing the meeting time from 9:30am to 4:00pm in 2023. The committee agreed to try the new time in 2023 .

New Business:

Mr. Kuhn updated the committee on the event at Viking Yacht in support of Apprenticeship Week on 11.16.22. Commissioner of Labor for DOL will be in attendance.

Mr. Kuhn welcomed Captain Stacey Schlachter to the committee as a new member from Pleasantville Police department, she is replacing Chief Williams.

Motion to adjourn Greg F. and seconded by Gina D.

The meeting concluded 10:18am. Next Meeting March 21st

Submitted by:

Sherrise A. Moten

Contract Administrator/Board Liaison