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YIC Subcommittee Minutes  
8-10-21

Members Attending:

Torrie Garvin	Dhara Bachman	Candace Titanski	Leesa Seymour	Anne Dillon
Odinga Maddox	Gina Demario	Connie Price	Cynthia Torres	Claire Millar
Greg Freelon	Kevin Silvestri			

The meeting began at 9:33 am. The director inquired if all participants had received the copy of the minutes from the June meeting, then asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Motion made by Anne Dillon and seconded by Leesa Seymour. There were no additions or amendments to the minutes and the minutes were approved.

Cynthia Torres then reviewed the agency's youth activity related to the current summer youth employment program. She stated that there were thirty-nine (39) youth participating in the program with nineteen (19) employers actively participating. The first cohort just completed its final week and the second had two or three weeks left. Overall, the employment outcomes at conclusion were limited because most youth were returning to school. Ms. Torres stated that one young lady was considering a job offer but was also weighing other employer offers as well. Ms. Torres thanked ACIT for sending so many youth to the program and offering them unique opportunities to participate in programs with businesses such as the US Coast Guard and manufacturers such as Comar. This is outside of the norm of those businesses associated with hospitality, retail and tourism.

Director Kuhn, again emphasized the problem of competing with the other businesses that were offering \$15 per hour for summer help really helped in reducing the number of students in the summer youth program. In an effort to expand the availability of summer opportunities, ACWDB contacted the New Jersey Department of Labor and obtained permission to provide an augmented summer youth program to TANF recipients and their children, between the ages of 16 and 24. The program was described as an 'augmented summer youth employment program'. The program was approved to allow eligible TANF youth and young adults to work a ten (10) week summer youth program for thirty hours a week and \$15 per hour. In addition, the program would allow for support services, such as childcare and transportation for the participant. All wages would be paid as

stipends, so that the money would not adversely affect their current benefits. The director asked all committee members to share this information with their colleagues and partners as the program had just recently been approved.

Director Kuhn then introduced Kevin Silvestri of CareSparc, who asked to be invited to discuss Atlantic City's first Health and Wellness Festival. The festival is planned for three days and will focus on health and wellness for all age groups. The plan is for the event to be held at the Oscar McClinton Waterfront Park in Atlantic City. The Sustainable Health and Wellness Village is a three-day community-based health and wellness program that brings together residents and community resource providers within a festival like atmosphere to expand access to health care and enable self-advocacy in ways that advance public health outcomes and quality of life for communities of color. The festival is scheduled for August 20-22.

Contract Awards were made to Ideal Institute of Technology- los 139  
Jewish Family Services Award- los of 10  
In-School Youth contracts were extended.

Director Kuhn discussed the continuing challenge of providing WorkFirst New Jersey services to eligible customers in a voluntary work activity environment. He stated that in the most recent One Stop Oversight Committee meeting to examine the possibility of approaching the community-based organizations as a portal to accessing individual members of the communities using the relationship that is already established by the community-based organizations. Torrie Garvin stated that he felt the concept was innovative and made sense. Greg Freelon echoed that thought.

Job opportunities for the youth population incorporated the recent development of the agency's Job Development unit and activation and expansion of the On-the-Job training program. The program continues to plan for the time when unemployment benefits will be ending for a large number of individuals. Greg Freelon asked if there was any messaging system to get the word out to the people who would be losing their unemployment shortly. The director explained that the announcement had not been made by the state, but the local areas were beginning to create their own message.

#### Program Updates:

Anne Dillon and ACSSSD- has 15 students and anticipating another 18 beginning in the fall. They have several new programs planned which will be discussed in more detail in future meetings.

Torrie Garvin- Reports that they are currently serving 250 children in their summer camp program. They are seeing 180 regularly. The summer program also hired four youth from the summer youth employment program to work with the summer camp program.

Reverend Maddox- Reports that six youth are currently enrolled in the first cohort for the year. The cohort will be returning to full-time face-to-face in September.

Ideal Institute- states that currently their out-of-school youth students are being seen in-person, online and in a hybrid setting and are anticipating a return to in house, face-to-face services.

There was no new business or old business.

Leesa Seymour made the motion to adjourn, everyone seconded.

Respectfully submitted,        Francis Kuhn

