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YIC Subcommittee Minutes
11-9-21

Members Attending:

Torrie Garvin	Jackie Adleman	Leesa Seymour	Anne Dillon	Dhara Bachman
Gina Demaio	Greg Freelon	Sherrise Moten	Connie Price	Claire Millar

Ren Parikh

The meeting began at 9:35 am. Fran Kuhn introduced the new chair for the Youth Investment Council, Greg Freelon.

There was a brief discussion regarding the minutes from the August meeting. Motion to approve the minutes of that meeting made by Anne Dillon and seconded by Leesa Seymour. The minutes were approved unanimously.

In a brief review of services, Director Kuhn reviewed the results of the Summer Youth Program. The program provided services for 39 youth, but there was difficulty because of the \$12/hour wage and the inability to compete with other employer offerings. There were questions raised regarding number of youth who obtained employment, however, it appeared that most were school-age and had returned to school.

Director Kuhn also stated that there was an attempt to work with the TANF youth population to provide an augmented summer youth program, but due to the timing of the program, there was very limited success. There are plans to re-introduce this program early next year for the summer of PY 22.

Feedback from Torrie Garvin stated that they, too were having difficulty finding qualified candidates for their job openings. The director also suggested that youth consider the opportunities offered by OJT and provided examples of current OJT contracts with area employers.

Claire Millar requested additional information from the Job development unit. The director stated that he would share that information after the meeting.

The director also mentioned his conversation with Pat Holliday, who is a hired consultant working with the juvenile justice system to create planned transition for juveniles in community-based juvenile justice facilities. An offer was made to have Ms. Holliday be part of the next meeting.

There was additional discussion regarding the flight attendant program with Global X. Gina Demaio requested additional information.

Youth Program Reports:

Anne Dillon ACSSSD indicated that the planned new programs are not occurring yet, but hoped to be in place in the future. That program was targeted to work in the community, but is still on hold.

Dhara Bachman stated that the youth groups are both in person and virtual. Dhara requested consideration of an outreach for past program participants and job opportunities through a job fair with employers looking to hire. The suggestion was to reach out to Cynthia.

Torrie Garvin-Atlantic City Boys and Girls Club, working with Adobe Photoshop and Atlanticare is working with youth in a hospitality class for CPR certification. ACBGC chef is currently working with the youth for ServeSafe Management program. In January starting dual enrollment with ACCC and Stockton. Thirty youth will be enrolled in these dual enrollment programs, juniors and seniors.

One Stop status:

Plans for re-opening were postponed until October 18th. Activity level for One Stop is minimal. Services are available, but only by appointment. There are no unemployment services at the One Stop. Belief is that there is not a lot of interest in finding work at this time. The director stated that the state had just set up a scheduling system for face-to-face appointments. Services upstairs are being provided for literacy and testing services.

He stated that the state has determined that as of January 1, services for WorkFirst New Jersey customers would be mandatory, but do not have a plan for implementation. The director believes that services will be implemented in March or April next year.

There was additional conversation regarding the development of community-based organization as a resource for providing work activities and job readiness for public assistance customers, including youth. Greg Freelon indicated piqued interest in this area.

New Business: revisited the discussion about the community-based juvenile justice facilities for transition.

No Old Business:

Motion to adjourn made by Torrie Garvin and seconded by Leesa Seymour.