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Atlantic County Workforce Development Board Youth Advisory Council Meeting  
May 23, 2017 9:30 a.m. Pleasantville One Stop

Attendance:

Mary Beth Preyer    Mike Margraf    Kevin Tomasello    Dan Konczyk  
Jackie Adelman    Anne Dillon    Rhonda Lowery

Minutes:

The meeting was called to order by Dan K. at 9:41am. A motion was made by Anne D. to approve the minutes from the previous meeting and Dan K. seconded.

Rhonda L. reported that In-School/Out of School contract renewals need to be voted upon as we actively looking for youth providers. The youth was put out with the hopes of multiple bidders. Youth Corp is applying for a contract renewal and is also preparing for the 2017 graduation to be held at Bally's Casino. One of the highlights of the graduation is that a handicap student is not only graduating but will give words of encouragement to the class. Currently the out of school youth LOS is not up to par however a plan of action is in progress as follows: vendors are working to get employers such as Borgata, In-tech, Youth advocates, etc. to hire the youth; applications and orientation is being held on May 22<sup>nd</sup> thru May 23<sup>rd</sup> with a LOS of 60. The vendor will coordinate and complete the services for all eligible youth. There is an internship program that the State has and once we receive all of the information we will forward it to the committee.

Old Business- None

New Business

Dan K. reports that employers are needed in order to hire the youth and dislocated workers. With this type of program will focus on the needs of the employers. Shoprite supermarkets are currently looking for night shift workers for the 11pm-7am shift duties to include the following: stock persons, bailers, forklift operators, etc. These positions are part time however there is a possibility of full time. Shoprite has asked to start with 50 youth. We are also looking into Veterans to be hired as security however the main goal is employment. Talent Network and JEVS may possibly create their own program that is their reasoning for not partnering at this time. It is the endeavor to see our level of service increase.

Rhonda L.- Atlantic City Electric has funds that they are willing to partner with WDB to host a boot camp training. This is assure that youth would have all of the necessary training to get hired by Atlantic City Electric. There are job openings that cannot be filled due to lack of training and other reasons however we will take care of the drug testing to ensure that the individual is qualified to be hired. Should this program become successful we will continue next year. We are currently working on the MOU. An internship is best for college students. This information will be shared with all committee members as this is not excluding anyone with disabilities as well. Anne D. suggested that upon attending a WIOA workshop it proved that we should endeavor to obtain all that is needed from WIOA. Rhonda L. also agreed that WIOA is more employer driven which is a learning curve for us. The Healthcare Committee

will host an open house on 7/19/17 located at Spring Village in Galloway NJ from 10am-4pm with the focus on becoming CNA's. There are no job fairs planned at this time however positive recruitment is set up specific to employer needs which we target qualified persons to fill open positions. Dan K. offered to check with Talent Network on the upcoming job fairs. Mary Beth P. inquired about becoming a provider as well as gave a presentation on services of Artemis Center for Independent Living with services to include: Referrals, Advocacy, Peer Support, Life Skills, and Transition Services.

Adjourned 10:45am