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Atlantic County WDB Youth Advisory Council Meeting 9am November 28, 2017 Pleasantville One Stop

Attendance:

Jackie Adelman Cindy Herdman Ivins Leesa Seymour Kevin Tomasello Rev. Odinga Maddox
Karen McCormick Michael Margraf Michele Carrera Rhonda Lowery Marian Woodson

Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Rhonda L. at 9:35am. Minutes from the previous meeting held on May 23, 2017 were approved and seconded by Jackie A. and Rev. Maddox. with one abstention by Cindy I.

Rhonda L. Executive Director informed the committee that Dan Konczyk has resigned as Chair of the Youth Committee. Dan K. has served the committee well over the years and we thank him for his dedication in assisting the youth of Atlantic county. We are seeking a new Chair. Stephanie K. of JEVS has asked to join the committee and also expressed an interest in becoming the new Chair, however if there is anyone else that is interested in serving as the Chair please contact Rhonda L. via email.

Youth Report

Rev. Maddox reports that the Youth Works Report is in the process of being completed. Rhonda L. adding that we are attempting to get our youth bonded. We have been successful with one youth so far. Cindy I. informed the committee of the expungement date in the month of October and will forward a flyer.

Rev. Maddox continued his report citing the following:

- LOS- 50
- Attrition- 7
- Completed- 43
- Full Time Employment- 16
- College Enrollment (ACCC/Camden) - 6
- Vocational Training- 9
- Adult HSE Placement- 11

Youth Corp has a minimum number of collective Service Learning hours of 7000, but our actual number was 7631. Youth Corp has purchased two new vans which the youth are maintaining. Youth Corp would like to publically thanks Rhonda L. for her continued support. Rhonda L. added that the OSY is ramping up this year. Jobs are seasonal, however the hope is that they will keep them longer and the jobs become full time. The challenge we have is to meet the 75% expenditure rate that is required. PY16 funds have been spent first to ensure that no funds were sent back to the State. Ideas on how we can enhance our youth programs for age 16-24 are welcomed. We are also looking at our Work First New Jersey clients in this age group to refer to and assist us with meeting our youth goals. The incentive is that WDB pay 50% of the salary for a 3-month period. I hope that as committee members, you will help spread the word regarding the youth incentive work experience program. Referrals can be sent to the One Stop, Ideal, or America Works. Goals for the youth need to be met and the participation rate is a focal point. Some of the One Stop Partners have been invited to attend a meeting to give input. WIOA has new performance measures however no one in the State is currently meeting them.

Marian W. is the newly appointed One Stop Operator and in the near future Fran K. will assume the role as the Contract Administrator. February 2018 bids will go out and we will discuss ideas/RFP” s during

our November meeting. We received a decrease in funding this year however it is unclear if this level of funding will continue as the focus of the legislators is not on workforce development.

Updates

Cindi I.- Spruce Family Success is now named Inland Family Success Center. The Galloway site now has an Employment Specialist that is doing very well. We will assist in an informal job coaching session but the goal is the strength of the family. Rhonda L. added that she met with Kim D.

Karen M.- is the Business Outreach Specialist for the Greater Atlantic City Chamber of Commerce and is going to be assisting in making the program successful.

Mike M.- has funding source resource mostly supported employment for disabled youth.

Kevin T.- service youth up to age 21. We have contracted with Aces with caseloads of 25. This is an educational mentoring focused program. We will follow the youth through high school and college. This information will be forwarded to Alicia O.

Jackie A.- daughter has now graduated from college despite her disability. Rhonda L. and Cindi I. has requested her resume.

Adjourned 10:30am

