

YOUTH COUNCIL COMMITTEE
November 15, 2011

Members Present

Herb Johnson, Co-Chair
Dan Angelucci, DWD
Marge Fizur, GCIT
Terry Levins, DWD
Jennifer Shaw, DVRS
Madeline Vasquez, GC Housing Authority
Bridget DiGiambattista, WIB Staff

Kim Alexander, GCIT Youth One Stop
Muncie Buckalew, St. John of God
Joan Killian, GCIT Youth One Stop
Brigette Satchell, GCC
Sandy Uhr, GCIT Youth One Stop
Karen Dickel, WIB Staff

Members Absent

Charles Ivory, Chair
Evangeline Banks, NJJC
Nancy Chard, GC Human Services
Ranee Davidson, GCC
Andrew DiNardo, GCIT Youth One Stop
Janice Engstrom, Juvenile Probation
Joe Frattali, WIB Director
Sam Hudman, GC Housing Authority
Karen Knowlan, GCIT
Sharon Rosado, Abilities Center
Doris Vidal, Ctr. For Family Svcs.

Maria Bacon, Abilities Center
Shyeeda Banks, GC NAACP Youth
Arthur Davenport, NJLWD
Mike DeAngelis, NJLWD
Teresa Douglas, Job Corps
Cristin Farney, Devereux
Eileen Henderson, Ctr. For Family Svcs.
Dr. William King, FBO
Susan Perron, Abilities Center
Wendy Venable, GCC
Kimberley Webster, NJ Corps

Visitor

Laurie Haldeman, GCIT Youth One Stop

Herb opened the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

A motion to approve minutes from October 18, 2011 meeting was made by Dan Angelucci, seconded by Madeline Vasquez.

Student Report

Kim reported no students available this month. They have implemented a process where they contact each active students parent/guardian by letter and a follow up phone call inviting them to attend the monthly Youth Council meeting.

Status

Sandy reported they had 5 students enroll in October, 1 completed, & 2 new starts. They held TABE test for 2 students and they both increased 1 grade level. Two potential students were recently certified, they will be TABE tested soon. They have an interested student as a result of the advertisement/information on Channel 5.

New Business

Ten posters and approximately 100 flyers were distributed at various locations in the Gloucester County community. They ordered an additional twenty posters and flyers, they will be distributed to some of the locations suggested by the students and Youth Council members.

They are in process of contacting Gloucester County municipalities to have the Youth One Stop link added to their websites.

Brochures have been left for representatives at the DYFS east and west offices, they have offered to make staff presentation about the program.

Patty Shenk from the Gloucester County Probation Office was contacted regarding the program. Sandy attended the Women's Health Summit on October 29 and provided information. Mrs. Haldeman has met with the Glassboro High guidance department.

Madeline reported she handed out brochures to public housing families and has also posted it on bulletin boards of the 5 buildings they have.

Community Service - The One Stop will be going to Gloucester Manor on Monday, November 21.

Danny reported a series of meetings were recently held to discuss recruiting efforts. They invited the Supervisor of case managers at the Division of Social Services to a meeting because of their contact with TANF clients. The clients have children that would be eligible to enroll in the One Stop program.

Brigette reported the winter/spring brochures will be distributed soon, GCC has included information about the Youth One Stop in the brochure free of charge. Brigette suggested having link for the Youth One Stop on GCC website where they advertise adult/GED testing.

Old Business

Jennifer N. has contacted all schools by phone & letter during the month of October to request drop out lists.

Sandy & Laurie both attended WIA Youth Occupation Trends & Tools event on October 17 at the Camden County One Stop. They were suggested to view websites: NJCan, NJPlace, NJNextStop. Sandy said the websites are useful, each website offers something valuable. They also offered a presentation titled Youth Transitions To Work, which promotes apprenticeships as a transition from school to work.

Joan & Sandy participated in a webinar entitled "How to Use Trade Books" on October 27. It had more of a focus towards those not proficient in the English Language.

Herb asked how many students a day are being served, Kim stated between 3-6 students. Herb expressed concern with the low enrollment in that they are only averaging 3-6 students. Herb asked what the minimum number of students is to keep this as a viable program. Karen stated the contract states that the minimum to be served is 50 for the year. Herb suggested we keep a running total as to the number of students we serve.

Brigette stated they have seen an increase in students wanting to sign up for GED test that are under age of 21. She ran a demographics report from July 1, 2011 through October 31, 2011, 157 people take the test during that time, the report showed 52% are ages of 21 & under. Brigette feels, if they qualify, they may be eligible for services at the Youth One Stop.

A motion for adjournment was made.

There will be no Youth Council meeting in December. The next meeting will be held January 17.

Respectfully submitted,

Bridget A. DiGiambattista, WIB Staff