

## YOUTH COUNCIL COMMITTEE

October 18, 2011

### Members Present

Charles Ivory, Chair  
Kim Alexander, GCIT  
Arthur Davenport, NJLWD  
Joe Frattali, WIB Director  
Dr. W. King, FBO  
Madeline Vasquez, GC Housing Authority  
Bridget DiGiambattista, WIB Staff

Herb Johnson, Co-chair  
Dan Angelucci, DWD  
Mike DeAngelis, NJLWD  
Joan Killian, GCIT  
Sandy Uhr, GCIT  
Karen Dickel, WIB Staff

### Members Absent

Maria Bacon, Abilities Center  
Shyeeda Banks, GC NAACP Youth Council  
Olga Carrillo, Edison Job Corps  
Andrew DiNardo, GCIT  
Cristin Farney, Devereux  
Eileen Henderson, Center for Family Svcs.  
Karen Knowlen, GCIT  
Susan Perron, Abilities Center  
Jenn Shaw, DVRS  
Doris Vidal, Center for Family Svcs.

Evangeline Banks, NJJC  
Muncie Buckalew, St. John of God  
Nancy Chard, GC Human Services  
Janice Engstrom, Juvenile Probation  
Marge Fizur, GCIT  
Sam Hudman, GC Housing Authority  
Inez Nelson, GC Educ. & Disability Svcs.  
Sharon Rosado, Abilities Center  
Wendy Venable, GCC  
Kimberly Webster, NJ Corps.

### Visitor

Leighton Harper, NJLWD

Dr. Ivory opened the meeting at 2:35 p.m.

A motion to approve minutes from September 27, 2011 meeting was made.

Art reported they have recently held workshops to target needs they have seen around the State and provide help to the areas where need some help. The next Work Readiness Credential training will be December 6<sup>th</sup> in Trenton.

### Status

Kim reported they had 4 new starts for the month of September. One completer, four students employed. Terry L. certified four students in September.

Jen Novzen and Sandy have been taking calls inquiring about the Youth One Stop. From Sept. 20 to Oct. 13, they had 6 inquires. Three of the potential clients are in the application process and one was tested & referred to GCC. The remaining two were recently mailed applications & brochures.

Staff has made fifteen recruitment calls to prospective clients and three applications were sent out to clients who expressed interest. Sandy has visited Walmart, McDonalds, Home Depot, Old Navy, Bed Bath & Beyond giving information about Youth One Stop.

The permanent shuttle bus drive has returned to duty.

They have pens with info on them and have posters with tear offs to be placed in areas such as Social Services, One Stop Career Center, DYFS, DMV. Other suggestions were Kennedy, Underwood Hospitals, County Store, Youth Center in the Mall, County Library in Mullica Hill, Family Court. Kim stated they also

have a list of incentives, one of which is a referral incentive for students if they encourage other youth to participate.

An ad will run in the GC Times in Sunday Edition beginning Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> for 6 weeks.

Kim attended the Career Resource Event at GCC on October 14<sup>th</sup>.

Sandy & Laurie attended WIA Youth Occupation Trends & Tools on Oct. 17 in Camden.

Sam Mazahreh, Joan Killian, Robyn Megara, & Sandy Uhr participated in webinar entitled: Five Paragraph Essay on Oct. 13. Additional adult education webinars are scheduled.

### **Old Business**

The committee reviewed the 5 goals, several suggestions were offered. Dr. Ivory suggested possibly in January 2012, we determine where we are with the goals, i.e. successes, roadblocks, etc. The committee will review, updated version will be emailed.

A motion for adjournment was made.

The next meeting will be held November 15, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

Bridget A. DiGiambattista, WIB Staff