

APPRENTICESHIP WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
November 10, 2011

Members Present

Ken Biddick, Chair
Richard Bellamente, Private
Cindy Cliver, Abilities Center
Brenda Geist, BRC
Joann Tomenchok, USDOL
Karen Dickel, WIB Staff

Randee Davidson, Co-Chair
Allen Magid, GCC
Walt Emerle, Union
Ed Radolan, St. John of God
Rick Westergaard, GC Planning
Bridget DiGiambattista, WIB Staff

Members Absent

Dan Angelucci, DWD
Heather Simmons, Freeholder Liaison
David Cunniff, Union
Anthony DiFabio, HSAC
Jack Fisher, Business
Michael Girone, Business
Michael Dicken, GCIT
Paul Lenkowski, Union
Sam Malone, Union
Christina Moran, GC Economic Devel.
Paulette Nagorka, NJLWD
Ed Penna, Union
Michelle Shirey, GC Economic Devel.
Mark Stanwood, Rowan University
Jennifer Veneziani, DVRS

John Biondi, Union
Patty Claghorn, GCC
Michael D'Ariano, Business
Andrew DiNardo, Business
Joe Frattali, WIB Director
Edward Green, DVRS
Carol Heron, Union
Terrance Leverett, NLWD
Brian Mattei, County Apprentice Coord.
Lisa Morina, GC Economic Devel.
Donald Norcross, Union
Morris Reichman, NJLWD
Tom Sommers, Union
Les Vail, GC Chamber of Commerce
Stevan Wolf, Business

Ken opened the meeting at 8:40 a.m.

A motion was made to approve minutes from September 8, 2011 meeting. The motion was made by Walt Emerle and seconded by Brenda Geist.

Ken reported we are trying to engage with the school systems & the business community to develop a process that gives the youth an understanding of what skill sets they need to achieve success in a variety of trades /professions. This will help them make better choices and be more engaged in education process. A meeting was held with Dr. Ivory & Herb Johnson of the Youth Council Committee, they will spearhead discussions with school districts.

Update

CAP Center – Randee reported the Center continues to be busy. She will speak with Kim Alexander to offer use of the assessment tool for the Youth One Stop students. They have found that if students have a career plan or industry that fits their interest in the beginning, there is a litany of job descriptions in a specific industry. They would like the students, while in high school, to understand the industry and begin to identify their educational path, perhaps starting with a certification and working their way up the educational/career ladder. This path of work/training would depend upon how quick they want to get into the workforce. They would like to reach out to employers and promote a Work Study Program; it would be a 6-8 week program where people can do a career exploration.

Thorofare One Stop – no report

USDOL – Joann reported Youth Transition grant is sponsoring new occupation titled Physical Therapist Aid. Joann has a new staff member, Bruce Negri who may attend future meetings.

BRC – Brenda reported she has been doing site visits with Karen & Eileen. She attended the South Jersey Chamber Expo, getting word out about the services available. She is participating with the Talent Network, working with transportation, logistics, & distribution unit. They anticipate rolling out “ramp out” (employer portion) for Jobs4Jersey.com website in December. There is a new “farm option” program starting in Salem County, and there may be one in Gloucester County. The training vendor is currently looking to secure a brownfields site within Gloucester County. The farm will grow organic plants in greenhouses.

Unions – Walt reported there is some work that will be starting, looking for financing to start. Walt reported they have added foreman training/supervisor training in the 5th year of the apprenticeship, so the apprentice understands what these positions entail.

A motion for adjournment was made.

The next meeting will be held December 8, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

Bridget A. DiGiambattista, WIB Staff