

COORDINATION COMMITTEE
November 14, 2011

Members Present

Hosea Johnson, Chair
Heather Faulkner, GC Housing Auth.
Richard Gatewood, Business
Brigette Satchell, GCC
Les Vail, GC Chamber of Commerce
Karen Dickel, WIB Staff

Dan Angelucci, DWD
Sonia Ebanks, Family Success Ctr.
Brenda Geist, BRC
Edward Smith, Div. Social Services
Eileen Gallo, WIB Staff
Bridget DiGiambattista, WIB Staff

Members Absent

Joe Frattali, WIB Director
David Brice, GC IT
Howard Clark, Business
Michael D'Ariano, Labor
Rev. A. Frazier, FBO
Michelle Johnson, Robin's Nest
Morris Reichman, NJLWD
Jeff Schwartz, Business
Doris Vidal, Ctr. For Family Svcs.
Anne Wodnick, GC Library System

Charles Answert, Ctr. For Family Svcs.
Lisa Cerny, GC DHS
Greg Cipolla, GC Veterans
Anthony DiFabio, HSAC
Edward Green, DVRS
Christopher McKelvey, NJLWD
Duane Sarmiento, GC Veterans
Bill Taylor, GC IT
Mary Weidler, NJLWD

Hosea opened the meeting at 8:30 a.m.

A motion to approve minutes from September 12, 2011 meeting was made by Brenda Geist, seconded by Brigette Satchell.

Thorofare One Stop

Dan reported the Rapid Response Team will visit Jenco Swedesboro, 90 employees will be laid off. The company is moving operations to North Carolina. The One Stop met with Social Service reps because it was determined the county can be reimbursed for bus passes. The One Stop met with Andy DiNardo and Youth One Stop staff regarding recruitment of youth at the Youth One Stop.

Hosea reported he attended the recent WIB Chair meeting with Commissioner of Labor, SETC President, & SETC Executive Director. Discussion focused on newly approved certification process and the sanctioning process. The rules & regulations developed by SETC are still moving forward and quarterly meetings will resume.

Agency Updates

BRC – Brenda reported she continues to go out on site visits with WIB staff. She attended the SJ Chamber of Commerce Expo on October 6, 2011. Brenda was name to the Talent Network for transportation, distribution, & logistics committee. A positive recruitment was held for McRoberts Security, 12 were interviewed, possibly 11 to be hired. The employer module of On Ramp will be launched mid-December.

Division Social Services – Ed reported client flow has slowed a little, he will have several retirements coming up, and are promoting within to fill some of these positions. He stated the County has been supportive and will allow 5 caseworker positions to be filled. At a recent monthly Directors meeting with the State, representatives from the Governor's office were to attend, but backed out. They were to

discuss SNAP and Medicaid. The State as a whole is not doing what they are supposed to in SNAP, in that applications are not being processed timely, i.e. when a client has less than \$150.00 in income, food stamps should be expedited in 7 days, this is not happening. New Jersey has the largest SNAP increase nation-wide in 2011.

GC Chamber – Les reported Brenda forwards to Les job updates and he has developed a list of those he knows are unemployed. He keeps resumes on file and will forward to Chamber members. The Chamber website continues to be updated and currently have brought in 3rd party to manage calendar. They will add link called Market Place, where members can post job openings. Hosea suggested Joe give presentation to the Chamber, to better inform the business community of the opportunities available to them.

Family Success Center – Sonia reported they have officially opened the Woodbury site. They are helping with a lot resume writing and job employment searches.

GCC – Brigitte reported 4 inmates have passed recent GED test. They have 7 active participants at St. Matt's. Title II-to date 213 clients have been served since July. They have seen a large increase in the amount of youth between ages 16-21 (especially between 16-19) applying to take GED test. ESL services at Glassboro were discontinued until the spring due to lack of participation. Woodbury High School requested ESL services, they will begin on November 15.

GC Housing – Heather reported she visited the One Stop and met with Dan & Mo to better understand process at the One Stop. She stated they are starting to issue housing vouchers based on date of application, clients are being told there is a 4-5 year wait.

Eileen reported WIB in Flash is complete, but distribution process must be discussed and approved. Eileen was recently involved in meeting in with LWD & Mid-Atlantic to discuss development of New Option Farms in Gloucester County.

A motion for adjournment was made.

The next meeting will be held December 12, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

Bridget A. DiGiambattista, WIB Staff