

Cumberland/Salem Workforce Investment Board

Youth Council Meeting

Meeting Minutes of July 27, 2010

A meeting of the Cumberland/Salem Youth Council was held on July 27, 2010 at the Cumberland County One-Stop Career Center in Vineland, New Jersey.

Attendance:

Allison Spinelli, Cumberland OE&T
Andrea Smirnov, Cumberland OE&T
Bill Waterman, Bridgeton School District
Bryant Nelson, NJYC
Ginger Chase, Sir Speedy of Vineland
Glen Donelson, Pennsville School District
Jennifer Bates, SCVTS
Jim Smith, Vineland School District
Kevin Foley, Salem Community College
Kim Wood, Economic Development
Susanne Gaal, Cumberland Regional School District
Tim Andrews, Cumberland OE&T
Todd Bonsall, CCTEC
Mark Dykoff, Salem One Stop/DOL
Megan St. Dennis, Cumberland County College
Chardey Wilkins, Bethal Development Corp
JoAnne Colacurcio, Millville School District
Robert Hoff, Vineland School District
Minnett Santiago, PathStone
Nathan Frey, Woodstown-Pilesgrove School District
Dante Rieti, Cumberland OE&T
Christy DiLeonardo, C/S WIB
Shelley Spina, C/S WIB

Guest:

Adrienne Hegeman, Big Brothers/Big Sisters
Donna Bennett, Big Brothers/Big Sisters

Handouts:

SCVTS/SBYS Out of School Youth Project Monthly Report
SCVTS/SBYS In-School Youth Project Monthly Report
Pennsville School District WIA Youth Program Report
Millville Public School District WIB Youth Council Report
Bridgeton School District WAWA Summary
PathStone WIA Youth Program Report PY 2009-2010
NJYC Out of School Youth Benchmarks
NJYC Student Performance Snap Shot

Welcome and Opening Remarks:

The meeting was called to order by Ginger Chase. She introduced Mark Dykoff who has replaced Cheryl Miller at the Salem One Stop. Mark gave a brief summary of his background. Introductions were made around the room.

Minutes:

Ginger asked for a motion to approve the prior meeting minutes. The motion was made by Kim wood and seconded by Kevin Foley. All approved and minutes were passed as written.

WIB Updates: Christy DiLeonardo

Christy reported that she just received WIA Youth allocations. The Disaster Relief bill that she talked about at the last meeting did not pass. They have received TANF Summer Youth funds from the stimulate funding. She thanked everyone that submitted their Perkins Grants. They had a review panel to review them. There were a few questions but the all seemed in order and all the grants that were submitted were approved.

Youth Program Provider Reports**SCVTS/SBYSP: Johnna Koshland**

Johnna was not able to attend by sent in her In-School and Out-of –School reports that were passed out to the committee for their review.

Pennsville School District: Glen Donelson

They have 15 youth in the summer youth program. They are serving special needs kids. They have worked on resumes and career planning. He passed out a list of participants and where they are in their goal attainment. Everything is going well.

Vineland High School: Bob Hoff

Bob talked about the benchmarks that the students have met. The program is going very well.

PathStone: Minnett Santiago

The HYRE ME II students just finished their 50 hours of academic advancement skill and will re TABE on 8/5/2010 and all of the students will finish their work experience by 8/20/2010. They have been filling out applications, 2 students will be attending Cumberland County College and 1 student will be starting work at the Cumberland Mall.

In the HYPE program several students need to take the GED again and all students will finish work experience hours by 8/20/2010. Students that received their GED in August are all planning to attend CCC. Several students are also working on obtaining employment.

Bethal Development Corp. Chardey Wilkins

They have 8 students enrolled in Out-of –School program. They are working on their benchmarks. They are now enrolling kids at the Bethal Learning Center. It is for preschoolers from 6 weeks to 5 years.

NJYC: Bryant Nelson

They have 17 WIA students enrolled in their program. They are completing their benchmarks. They have businesses working with them. They are moving their program to Oak & Main. They have had 51 take their GED and 47 passed.

One Stop Reports**Salem: Mark Dykoff**

They have 15 slots for the TANF Summer Youth Program and have filled 10 of them so far.

Cumberland: Allison Spinelli

They are operating a TANF Summer Youth Program. They had a goal of 100 students and were able to recruit 50. They have recruited businesses to hire these 50 students. Thirty of them are currently working. They are also operating Career Camps. Bridgeton was awarded the WAWA contract. They have met all their performance measures.

Other Reports**Bridgeton: Bill Waterman**

Bill reported on the WAWA program. Bridgeton hired 33, Cumberland Regional hired 31, Millville hired 32, and Vineland hired 46. Overall 140 hired (started) and now 123 are working. They have had 2 students named Associates of the Month. The program is doing very well.

Cumberland Regional High School: Susanne Gaal

Their Perkins Grant has been approved and she went over with the committee what they will be using the funds on. The funds are mostly for supplies, equipment and testing. This will be her last meeting for awhile so Greg McGraw will be taking over.

Millville Public School District: JoAnne Colacurcio

They had 2 Automotive Technology students place 9th overall in the NJ Ford/AAA Auto Skills competition and each received \$4,500 in scholarship awards. The WAWA SYEP is going very well. They have 28 students actively employed. They are awaiting approval of their Perkins Grant from the state. Several staff members have been attending Pathway meetings at CCC.

Cumberland County College: Megan St. Dennis

Since the start of School Counts they have had over 14, 000 to date enrolled. They have 88 new students this year. They have 200 enrolled in Summer Camp and 29 enrolled in Career Camp. They are up about 5% in their enrolments.

Cumberland Vo-Tech: Todd Bonsall

It has been a busy and successful summer. They have a Law Enforcement Camp. The unions are coming in doing the weatherization program. That program consist of 5 weeks academic and 5 weeks of hands on training.

Old/New Business**Big Brother/Big Sister: Adrienne Hegeman & Donna Bennett**

Donna said that they hold a Testimonial Luncheon once a month which Christy attended and invited them to come to this meeting to give a presentation. She gave a brief background of the Big Brother/Big Sister Program. This program is for ages 7 to 18. Their funding has been cut but they are looking for other resources.

Adrienne stated that her main job is to supervise the programs. She went through the programs that they offer. They have quite a few mentoring programs. Handed out information about the program and stated that if anyone is interested in mentoring to call them.

Adjournment:

With no other business, Kim Wood made a motion to adjourn.