

CUMBERLAND/SALEM WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD

YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING Salem County Vocational Technical Schools

Meeting Minutes of October 26, 2010

A meeting of the Cumberland/Salem Youth Council was held on October 26, 2010 at the Salem County Vocational Schools in Woodstown, New Jersey.

Attendance:

Allison Spinelli, Cumberland OE&T
Anthony Chiesa, DOL/One Stop
Barbara Blahut, Millville High School
Bill Waterman, Bridgeton High School
Bryant Nelson, NJYC
Dante Rieti, Workforce Development
Darlene Barber, CCTEC (Todd Bonsall)
Glen Donelson, Mid Atlantic States Career & Ed Center
Greg MrGraw, Cumberland Regional High School
Jennifer Bates, SCVTS
John Hall, Local Union
Johnna Koshland, SCVTS/SBYS
Kevin Foley, Salem Community College
Loren Thomas, SCVTS
Lorraine Green, SCVTS/SBYS
Mark Dykoff, DOL/One stop
Mary Ann Hamity, Youth Advocate Program
Oscar Gomez, Pathstone
Raymond Maier, Bridgeton Housing Authority
Michelle Slayney-Mills
Tim Andrews, Cumberland OE&T

Guest:

Brian Mattei County Apprenticeship Coordinator
Caroline Knower, NJDOE
Debbie Christiansen, Local 54
Jean Carrion, NJYC
Kristin Tallant, Youth Advocate Program
Laurel Shaffer, Local 54
Lynn Lucas, Juvenile Justice Commission
Steve Morocco, Juvenile Justice Commission
Steve Rioux, SCVTS

Staff:

Christy DiLeonardo, WIB
Shelley Spina, WIB

Handouts:

DiscoverAbility NJ
PathStone org. HYRE ME 2009-2010
Cumberland County Youth Outreach Workshop
WAWA Final Report for SYEP 2010
WIA Youth Program Report PY October 2009 – September 2010
SCSBYP Out of School Youth Project Monthly Report
SCSBYP In School Youth Monthly Report
WIA Youth Proposal Ratings

Welcome and Opening Remarks:

The meeting was called to order by John Hall. He welcomed everyone and introductions were made around the room.

Minutes:

John asked for a motion to approve the prior meeting minutes. Motion was made by Todd Bonsall and seconded by Bill Waterman. All approved.

WIB Update: Christy DiLeonardo

Christy reported on the forums that they are holding in Cumberland and Salem for employers who have hired or are interested in hiring people with disabilities. This Best Practices in Hiring, Accommodating and Retaining People with Disabilities seminar is presented by Cornell University's Disability and Technical Assistance Center. This event is sponsored by the Workforce Investment Board and DiscoverAbility NJ. It will held on November 29, 2010 in Salem and November 30, 2010 in Cumberland.

Juvenile Justice System; Lynn Lucas

Christy introduced Lynn Lucas from the Juvenile Justice Commission. She thanked the committee for inviting her to the meeting and allowing her to explain what the Juvenile Justice Commission does. She feels in these challenging times, partnering and collaborating are essential if we to improve reentry outcomes for youth in Cumberland County. Young peoples are sent to JJC through the court systems so that they can get the help they need with their problems. They try to stop the problems from reoccurring. They are also provided with employment and training. She would like to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the One Stop Career Center. Dante stated they are looking into enter into the Memorandum.

Youth Transition to Work Grants**Salem County Vocational Technical Schools: Steve Rioux**

The YYYW grants are tied to apprenticeship programs. This year they are focusing on welding. They work and mentor with the apprentice. He asked the committee for support. The motion was made by Oscar Gomez and seconded by Glen Donelson. Motion was approved by all.

Local 54: Laurel Shaffer

Their YTTW grant is focusing on culinary in casinos. They currently have 11 students in the program and they deal with about all of the casinos. They attend conventions. They are seeking support for this committee. John asked for a motion of support. Motion was made by Allison Spinelli and seconded by Todd Bonsall. Motion was approved.

On Stop Reports**Salem: Mark Dycoff**

Mark said that they had proposal reviews this afternoon. Everything is going good at the One Stop.

Cumberland:

Allison reported that they had 22 in their work activity in the private sector. They did career camps with about 44 participants. She does not have the final numbers but will report them at the next meeting.

WAWA: Bill Waterman

Bill stated that this was the most successful year since starting this program. They had 45 students participate. 17 students were awarded Associate of the Month. 18 students transferred to another WAWA at the end of the year and 2 students are working at another job. They worked well with their job coaches. Over all a very good year.

Provider Reports**Vineland – No report****PathStone: Oscar Gomez**

Oscar reported that they had a very good year. 19 finished Career Planning. Out of School program 26 enrolled and 25 completed. 6 received their GED and 4 are trying to finish.

NJYC: Bryant Nelson

This year 19 met their benchmarks, 18 completed work maturity, 17 career planning, 16 academic skill 17 employment experience and they had 11 placements.

Youth Advocate Program: Mary Ann Hamidy

They are just starting up. They have 2 enrolled in Out of School Program.

SCVTS/SBYP: Johnna Koshland

As of September 30, 2010, they had a total of 58 WIA Students. They had 31 In School Youth, 14 Discharged from residential and 13 2010 graduates.

In the Out of School program 6 obtained Diploma/GED, 1 obtained certification, 5 obtained employment, 2 were in ABE?GED classes and 1 post secondary.

Pennsville: Glen Donelson

They had 9 graduate and 1 drop out. Five are going to secondary, 3 are working and 22 are still in school. Everything is going well.

Other Reports

Todd stated that CC-Tech was approach by ASPIRA. They received a grant and are serving 30 at the Vo-Tech 4 nights a week for a year. The Vo-Tech is looking to expand their advisory committees in all programs. Invite the committee. They are up to record enrollment

Adjournment:

With no other business John asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Bill Waterman.