

CUMBERLAND/SALEM WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD

YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING PSE&G Building

Meeting Minutes of April 26, 2011

A meeting of the Cumberland/Salem Youth Council was held on Tuesday, April 26, 2011 at the PSE&G Building in Salem, New Jersey.

Attendance:

Anna DeNovellis, WAWA
Chardey Wilkins, Bethel Development
Glen Donelson, Mid-Atlantic
Jim Smith, YAP
John Hall, Steel Workers Union
Kevin Foley, Salem Community College
Lindsey DeFrancisco, Pathstone
Mark Dykoff, Salem One Stop
Oscar Gomez, PathStone
Ray Bolden, Inter-Agency Council
Raymond Maier, Bridgeton Housing Authority
Tim Andrews, OE&T

Staff:

Christy DiLeonardo, C/SWIB
Shelley Spina, C/SWIB

Handouts:

PathStone HYRE ME II 2010-2011
PathStone WIA Youth Pro9gram
DiscoverAbility
Exploring Careers in the Food System
Salem County SBTSC WIA In-School-Out of School Youth
YAP In-School and Out-of-School Youth
Bethel Out-of-School Youth
Salem One Stop WIA Youth Program Report
Salem Provider Worksheet-Youth Contracts

Welcome & Opening Remarks

The meeting was called to order by John Hall. He welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming. Introductions were made around the room.

Minutes:

John asked for a motion to approve the prior meeting minutes. The motion was made by Mark Dykoff and seconded by Ray Bolden. All approved and the minutes were passed.

WIB Updates: Christy DiLeonardo

Christy attended a SETC meeting and they were told that when the Youth Councils were formulated that it was mandated that a parent sit on the committee. She would like to start that up again. The student doesn't have to be an active participant on the committee. She asked the committee to nominate a parent to sit in on this meeting, and then she will contact the parent. Glen said that he would nominate one but the parent needs to be able to have input. He stated the last time we had a parent sit in on these meeting, the parent felt like they could not offer and input. Christy asked the committee to email or call her with any suggestions.

Christy reported that DiscoverAbility along with the WIB have partnered to do a seminar on disabilities. This seminar is designed for teachers, human resource representatives, counselors and other staff that work with people with disabilities. This is being done through Cornell University and LaWanda Cook will conduct the seminar. It is May 10th at the Cumberland County College from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

One Stop Reports**Salem: Mark Dykoff**

Mark reported that they have 2 In-School Youth and 1 Out-of School Youth. They have 10 placed in employment/training and 5 obtained their GED. Their existing numbers are good. There are not a lot of clients coming in to apply for unemployment. They are looking at starting a Certification in Administration Skills and are looking at other occupations that are in demand.

Cumberland: Allison Spinelli – Absent- No Report**Youth Provider Reports****Cumberland****PathStone: Oscar Gomez**

Oscar Gomez introduced Lindsay DeFrancisco who will be working with him. Lindsay was a teacher in the Bridgeton School system. Oscar reported that in the In-School program they have 22 enrolled and need 8 more to be full. In the Out of School program they have 17 enrolled and need 13 more to be full. They have had 8 receive their GED but they need to finish their 5th Benchmark before getting employment. Transportation is still a problem for them.

Bethel Development Corp.: Chardey Wilkins

Chardey reported that they have 9 enrolled with 1 slot open. They are considering hiring one of them. Two will be going next month for their GED.

Youth Advocate Program: Jim Smith

They have 55 enrolled out of 60 slots in the In-School program. He feels that they will make their goal. Five students are being hired by WAWA, 1 student at the YMCA and 2 at the Library. There will be no in school academics this year.

In the Out of School program they have 30 slots and 25 are filled. They have placed several students in jobs. One was placed at Wal-Mart and one at Friendly's. The program is doing well.

Salem**SCVTS/SBYSP: Johnna Koshland**

Johnna was unable to attend the meeting but sent in a report that was handed out to the committee. Christy went over their report briefly.

Mid-Atlantic: Glen Donelson

Gen reported that they have 20 students enrolled in a new contract. Three are taking classes at the SCVTS. Four are working. Most of the students are new with about 3 carryovers. They are all In School Youth.

Other Reports

Tim Andrews stated that some bills are starting to come in now. They require the bill every month from the providers. They need to send them in when benchmarks are completed.

Anna reported that WAWA has hired 153 students. This year they have a local training program. All local stores will bring in students to train before they actually start working.

Adjournment:

With no other business, John asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Oscar Gomez and the meeting was adjourned.