

CUMBERLAND/SALEM WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD

YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING Cumberland County One Stop Career Center

Meeting Minutes of July 26, 2011

A meeting of the Cumberland/Salem Youth Council was held on July 26, 2011. The meeting was held at the Cumberland County One Stop Career Center in Vineland, NJ.

Attendance:

Allison Spinelli, OE&T
Barbara Blahut, Millville School System
Bill Waterman (William Ziefle) Bridgeton School District
Bryant Nelson, NJYC
Jim Smith, YAP
John Hall, Local Union
Lorraine Green, SCYSP/SCVTS
Johnna Koshland, SCYSP/SCVTS
Mark Dykoff, DOL
Mary Ann Hamidy, YAP
Oscar Gomez, PathStone
Tim Andrews, OE&T
Kristin Taliant, YAP
Darlene Barber (Todd Bonsall)
Celeste Merriweather, Bridgeton Public Schools

Staff:

Christy DiLeonardo
Shelley Spina

Handouts:

In School WIA Youth
Out of School WIA Youth
Salem School Based Youth In School Report
Salem School Based Youth Out of School Report
PathStone WIA Youth Report

Welcome & Opening Remarks:

Todd Bonsall attending for Darlene Barber, Co-Chair, called the meeting to order. He welcomed everyone and introductions were made around the room.

Minutes:

Todd asked for a motion to approve the prior meeting minutes. The motion was made by John Hall and seconded by Barbara Blahut. All were in favor and minutes were passed.

CASA Presentation: Deanne Davis

Todd reported that CASA was to attend today to talk about their program but was unable to attend. They will attend the next meeting.

One Stop Reports**Cumberland: Allison Spinelli**

Allison reported that they received approval from the county to make some changes to the Youth RFP's. The changes are:

1. They would like to eliminate the stipends for students in classroom training. Instead they would like to give them incentives.
2. They have found out that the Out-of-School students are failing their test on purpose so that they can stay in the classroom training and get more money. She said that anyone who tests out goes to work experience will still be paid.
3. They need to do retesting and post testing. Would like to put in the RFP that they must be post tested.

The committee agreed with these changes. Allison said that the RFP's will be released tomorrow.

Allison talked about the Learn to Earn program that they are partnering with the chamber being held at the 4_H. She asked Tim to report more on this.

Tim explained that this is a pilot program through a Disabilities Grant from the DOL. They had 43 youth show up to participate. They had presentations and played games. The participants ranged from 10 to 18 years old. They had to design a product and do a one minute commercial. He gave examples of the products the kids did. Transportation was provided for them. He felt the program went well.

Allison gave praise to her staff on what a great job they did with this program.

Christy said that the DOL was impressed with Cumberland's program. Allison and Tim will be giving a presentation at the WIB Board meeting.

Allison reported that they started 150 students in the WAWA program at the shore but have lost a few.

William Ziefle said that they now have 143 students. Right now they have a success rate of 95.1% but that rate changes all the time. He said that transportation has been good.

Allison would like to expand transportation. There has been a problem with one bus driver but she is working on trying to resolve it.

Salem: Mark Dykoff

They received more Youth funding this year. They are getting ready to issue their RFP's next week.

Youth Provider Reports

PathStone: Oscar Gomez

They received a grant from Atlantic County. They will be hiring an Adult Education Instructor and an Administrative Assistance. This will be based out of Hammonton.

They have 30 enrolled in their Out-of-School program. They have 30 enrolled in their In-School program.

Bethel Development Corp: Chardey Wilkins – Absent- No Report

Youth Advocate Program: Jim Smith

Jim reported that they have 30 In-School and 30 Out-of-School youth enrolled. They have 4 students working at WAWA and 1 at the YMCA. They need help with finding jobs. He went through the benchmarks with the committee.

SCVTS/SBYP: Johnna Koshland

They have had 12 In-School youth graduate. Their summer program started in July and will run to August 26, 2011

They have had 2 students in their Out of School program pass their GED. One student is working in construction and the other one is looking for work.

Pennsville School District: Glen Donelson – Absent – No Report

Other Reports

Barbara Blahut from Millville talked about this year's Perkins Grant. They had 19 CAN students and 17 passed the first time and 2 passed the 2nd time. She spoke about next year's Perkins.

Todd reported that they attended a workshop in Tennessee and received an award and was also a presenter. They are looking for 2 teachers for the CMA class. Their LPN program is full. They have taken some out of county students. They are open for adults during the day but they have no night classes. They have openings in construction, auto, welding and plumbing.

YAP has formed a partnership with Gateway College. They received a grant to do tutoring with kids and families. They are serving 30 youth this year.

Christy reminded the group that they need to get their Perkins Grants into her ASAP.

Adjournment:

With no other business Allison made a motion to adjourn.