

Youth Council  
Zoom Meeting  
April 27, 2021 – 10:00 a.m.

## MINUTES

A meeting of the Youth Council was held Tuesday, April 27, 2021 via Team due to COVID-19. Those in attendance were:

### Attendance:

Lucinda Phillips, Angela Bostic, Betsy Satterfield, Joanne Sbrana, Bill Waterman, Jesica Nagel, Norma Cordeiro, Anna Villanueva, Denise Taguwa, Minnett Santiago, Chris DeSanto, Pamela Comerford, Gwendolyn Jackson, Katie Czajkowski, Stacy Forman, Christine Colon, Jody Classen, Chrissy Wingate, Sherwood Taylor, Maria Alleva

### Staff:

Allison Spinelli, Cindy Angelo, Zary Irurita, Jaime Gomez

#### I. Welcome and Opening Remarks

Allison opened the meeting by welcoming all attendees. The meeting began at 10:02 a.m. Introductions were made around the room. Allison read the Open Public Meeting Act and Mission Statement. She requested a motion to approve the minutes from January 2021. Motion made by Betsy Satterfield. Seconded by Minnett Santiago. All in favor, motion approved.

#### II. Youth Provider Reports

##### ❖ *Salem – no current contracts*

Discussed earlier this month at Planning & Oversight Committee Meeting: Request for proposal for funding for this upcoming July program year and the next. Will update with more information.

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##### ○ **Resources for Independent Living (Contract Dates: 7/1/19-6/30/20)**

###### ● **Out of School Youth (PY 18-19)**

No report at this time.

###### ● **In School Youth (PY 18-19)**

No report at this time.

##### ○ **Salem County Vocational Technical School (Contract Date: 7/1/19-6/30/20)**

###### ● **Out of School Youth (PY 18-19)**

No report at this time.

###### ● **In School Youth (PY 18-19)**

No report at this time.

##### ○ **Stockton University (Contract Dates: 7/1/19-6/30/20)**

###### ● **Out of School Youth (PY 18-19)**

No report.

❖ **Cumberland**

○ **PathStone**

● **Out of School Youth (PY 19-20) (Contract Dates: 11/1/19-6/30/20)**

34 enrollments, 14 are new for this year. 14 youth increased academic skills, 15 youth obtained HS diploma, 20 youth received post-secondary credential, 13 youth obtained employment. 10 are prepping for testing.

● **In School Youth (PY 19-20) (Contract Dates: 11/1/19-6/30/20)**

Had interest from parents are the youth. Carried over 9 students. 4 increased post CASAS. Some are coming in to be scheduled for customer service and sales credential. Some are working to get a part-time employment. Parents are beginning to feel comfortable with the youth working during the pandemic. Challenges will not have direct contact with the youth. Utilizing social media to try to connect with youth and their parents.

○ **Rowan College of South Jersey**

● **Out of School Youth (PY 19-20) (Contract Dates: 6/1/19-5/31/20)**

○ **Health Care: Cindy Phillips**

● 13 enrolled. 2 completed program. 8 currently in program, 4 have dropped out due to personal matters and COVID-19.

● 3 enrolled in Phlebotomy. 1 hasn't been able to attend due to personal matters.

● Classes are in-person.

○ **PRAC of Southern NJ**

● **In School (PY 19-20)**

Ernesto reported 5 enrolled. 1 has completed his GED. 2 are working. Working on getting those who aren't work on a work site but there are challenges with restrictions due to COVID-19. This stops those from getting in-person tutoring.

❖ **Cape May**

○ **Jersey Cape Diagnostics**

Christy: ISY- 1 enrolled and has finished her work experience with a job lined up from the summer. Challenges with recruiting youth.

**OSY**- 10 enrolled. 7 completed HSE's. 1 in work experience.

**Industry focused**: 1 new enrollment, HSE received and guest service professional credential. Has a unsubsidized job in hospitality that they enjoy.

Despite small numbers, there is success with the students who are enrolled.

**Atlantic Cape Community College**

● **Out of School Industry-Focused (PY 19-20) (Contract Dates: 9/1/19-6/30/20)**

● Maryann reported 2 carryovers- 1 has employment and 1 left but does have a job.

● Will go back to all in-person the month of June.

III. **Other Provider Reports**

○ **Wawa Program**

Bill reported students start on Saturday at the shore. More to report next time once students have started. Approx. 143 offers but some have decided not to proceed.

- **New Jersey Youth Corps**

No report at this time.

- **U.S. Job Corps**

Oscar reported they got approved for virtual learning. New youth are now able to do their college prep and readiness online with supplies of laptop and Wi-Fi hotspots. They will have to complete 20 hours a week they will have to log in anytime from Sunday-Sunday.

Over 125 students at Job Corp in Edison. Allowing current students to finish trades then bringing in new ones.

#### **IV. Old/New Business**

Donna Custard – President of NJ Chamber of Commerce Foundation:

- Donna discussed information what the foundation is doing in Youth Programming and what they are planning to do in the future.

**Flagship Program- Jobs for Americas Graduates NJ**

- Founded 40 years ago
- In 40 states across the country
- 5 different models that get implemented
- Program focuses on students who have different challenges that prevents them from graduating HS.
- Finding jobs not to fill gaps but that lead to careers.
- Preps for independence and success in the job field.
- Credit-bearing elective, minimum of 2 years with students
- 16-24 age for students
- Providing tech skills, counseling, job placement and development services

#### **V. Adjournment**

Anna requested a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Minnett Santiago, Second by Elizabeth Satterfield. All in favor, meeting adjourned. The meeting ended at 10:49 a.m.