



WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

CUMBERLAND · SALEM · CAPE MAY

Youth Council Committee
Luciano Conference Center
October 22, 2019

MINUTES

A meeting of the Cumberland/Salem/Cape May Youth Council Committee was held on Tuesday October 22, 2019 at 10 a.m. in the Luciano Conference Center at Rowan College SJ.

ATTENDANCE: Anna Villanueva, Katie Czajkowski, Pam Comerford, Patricia Mooneyham, Sherwood Taylor, Maryann McGhee, Susan Jurusz, Diana Strelczyk, Maria Trejo-Mendiola, Maria Alleva, Betsy Reed, Anne Garrison, Tammy Wilkerson, Tim, Andrews, Jessica Nagel, Denise McNeal, Gwendolyn Jackson, Norma Cordeiro, Minnett Santiago, Christi Colon, Oscar Gomez, Bill Waterman, Mike Pavesi

GUESTS: None

STAFF: Allison Spinelli, Ginger Supernavage, Jaime Gomez, Cindy Angelo

HANDOUTS:

Jersey Cape Prep Program Performance 7/1/19 to 6/30/20, Jersey Cape Hello and ODOYS Program Performance 9/1/19 to 6/30/20, Pathstone ISY Program Analysis 10/1/19 to 9/30/20, OSY Program analysis 10/1/18 to 12/31/19

I. Welcome and Opening Remarks Approval of Minutes

Anna Villanueva opened the meeting by welcoming all attendees and read the Open Public Meeting Act. The meeting started at 10:05 a.m. Introductions were made around the room. Anna requested a motion to approve the minutes from July 2019. Motion made by Oscar Gomez, Second by Tammy Wilkerson. All in favor, motion approved.

II. Youth Provider Reports

❖ Salem

- Resources for Independent Living (Contract Dates: 7/1/19 to 6/30/20)
 - Out of School Youth (PY 18-19)
 - In School Youth (PY 18-19)
Not in attendance. No report submitted.
- Salem County Vocational Technical School (Contract Dates: 7/1/19 to 6/30/20)
 - Out of School Youth (PY 18-19)
We are currently working out details. There are no numbers to report until next week.

- **In School Youth (PY 18-19)**
Same as OSY.
 - **Stockton University (Contract Dates: 7/1/19 to 6/30/20)**
 - **Out of School Youth (PY 18-19)**
Last year there were four students. One received GED and two entered vocational training. All have completed Conover. We are looking for a physical location by the end of the month.
- ❖ **Cumberland**
- **PathStone (Contract Dates 10/1/18 – 9/30/19)**
 - **Out of School Youth (PY 18-19)**
Thanked Michelle for helping-out with students. This is the first time in 12 years we didn't meet our LOS. Planned enrollment was 33 and actual was 29. Those who haven't obtained GED have one or two more tests to pass. Thirteen are employed.
Alli mentioned PY19 contracts will be awarded tonight.
 - **In School Youth (PY 18-19)**
Met our LOS which was 40. 40 entered skills training and 39 received a credential. Eight were transferred to local Wawa stores. We are still working with some students who want to obtain employment. Students are appreciative of help getting jobs.
 - **Rowan College SJ (Contract Dates 7/1/19 to 6/30/20)**
 - **Out of School Youth (PY 19-20)**
We have two enrolled in the program and one completed. We are still recruiting.
 - **PRAC of Southern NJ (Contract Dates 8/1/19 – 6/30/20)**
 - **Out of School Justice Involved (PY 19-20)**
PRAC was not in attendance due to a monitoring visit.
- ❖ **Cape May**
- **Jersey Cape Diagnostics (Contract Dates: 7/1/19-6/30/20)**
 - **In School Youth (PY 19-20)**
Our LOS is 24 and 12 are enrolled. None have received a measurable skill gain. Through September 30th 27 work experience training sites have been established.
 - **Out of School Youth (PY 19-20) (ODOSY)**
Our LOS is 61 and 9 are enrolled. Two have received HSE.
 - **Out of School Youth (PY 19-20) Industry Focused (HELLO)**
Our LOS is 20 and 6 are enrolled. We've reached out to other students. We are establishing worksites with local hotels and businesses including Montego Bay Resort.
 - **Atlantic Cape Community College (Contract Dates 9/1/19 to 6/30/20)**
 - **Out of School Industry-Focused (PY19-20)**
We are in the process of recruiting. This has been challenging. Hotels are interested in students.

Jaime mentioned OSY eligibility has opened-up. 50% LOS can have high school diploma.

III. Other Provider Reports

- **Wawa Program**

There were 149 students involved in Wawa program this past summer. Seventy-two have been transferred to local stores. We have a 90% success rate. There weren't too many transportation problems. This was our 20th year.

- **Aspira Youth Build**

Not in attendance for report

- **New Jersey Youth Corp**

Not in attendance for report. Alli commented that we have an amazing connection to the Vineland Youth Corp Program. Students are enrolled by both offices. If services can't be provided by Youth Corp, they can be provided by our office. After they complete Youth Corp they can stay with Workforce Development for services.

IV. Old/New Business

Alli told the group that Cumberland County was one of nine counties selected to run a Summer Youth Pilot Program. This program might be rolled out state-wide next year. There were many challenges in bringing back this program. If there is a 2020 program, we will start earlier. Jaime was instrumental in the success of the program. We were contracted to serve 80 and had an enrollment of 83. There were a handful who didn't complete due to positive reasons. We will know in December if there will be a program next year.

Adjournment

Anna requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion made by Bill Waterman, Second by Oscar Gomez. The meeting adjourned at 10:44 am.