



WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

CUMBERLAND · SALEM · CAPE MAY

Youth Council Committee

Cumberland County College Luciano Conference Center

April 23, 2019

DRAFT MINUTES

A meeting of the Cumberland/Salem/Cape May Youth Council Committee was held on Tuesday, April 23, 2019 at 10 a.m. in the Luciano Conference Center at Cumberland County College.

ATTENDANCE: Betsy Reed, Maria Alleva, Marva Ferguson, Oscar Gomez, Pam Comerford, Tammy Wilkerson

PUBLIC: Jaimee Rex, Diana Strelczyk, Kim Webster, Jessica Schelling, Anne Garrison, Anna Pasquale, Denise Taguwa, Minnett Santiago, Maria Trejo, Socorro Ortiz, Elizabeth Satterfield, Gwendolyn Jackson, Jessica Orsini, Eric Baroni, Corey Kimble, Norma Cordeiro

STAFF: Allison Spinelli, Brian Langdon, Jaime Gomez

HANDOUTS:

Salem County Vocational Technical Schools In-School and Out of School Youth Programs Report: April 23, 2019, PathStone In-School Youth Program Analysis 10/01/18-9/30/19, PathStone Out of School Youth Program Analysis 10/01/18-9/30/19, PathStone Out of School Youth – Cape May County Program Analysis 07/10/2018-06/30/2019, ODOSY Program Performance 07/01/2018-06/30/2019, PREP Program Performance 07/01/2018-06/30/2019, Project Inspir8tion presentation material

I. Welcome and Opening Remarks Approval of Minutes

Allison Spinelli opened the meeting by welcoming all attendees and read the Open Public Meeting Act. Introductions were made around the room. Allison requested a motion to approve the minutes from January 2019. Motion made by Betsy Reed, Second by Oscar Gomez. All in favor, motion approved.

II. Youth Provider Reports

❖ Salem

- Resources for Independent Living (Contract Dates: 12/1/18-6/30/19)
 - Out of School Youth (PY 17-18)
7 youth have been recruited. 5 have been approved.
 - In School Youth (PY 17-18)
10 youth have been recruited. 5 have been approved.
- Salem County Vocational Technical School (Contract Dates: 12/1/18-6/30/19)

- **Out of School Youth (PY 17-18)**
10 students enrolled. 10 TABE tested. 4 have completed Conover with others expected to finish soon. 5 have enrolled for Healthcare certification. Students have preselected their employment placements. The Bridge Program that serves Justice-related youth was highlighted.
- **In School Youth (PY 17-18)**
10 students enrolled. 10 TABE tested. 2 earned their HSE diploma. 6 have academic post-test gains. 2 have pre-test scores only. 3 have completed Conover with others expected to finish soon. 2 have completed NWRC and NJCAN. Students have preselected their employment placements.
- **Stockton University (Contract Dates: 12/1/18-6/30/19)**
 - **Out of School Youth (PY 17-18)**
Stockton has received 7 referrals. 1 student enrolled. 2 enrolled in GED.
- ❖ **Cumberland**
 - **PathStone**
 - **Out of School Youth (PY 18-19) (Contract Dates: 10/1/18-9/30/19)**
29 students enrolled, their goal was 33. 29 are attending College & Career Readiness, 1 has completed. 8 Post-TABE test increased. 6 have obtained their high school diploma. 9 have entered work experience. 2 have completed work experience. 22 have entered occupational skills training with the National Retail Federation. 17 have obtained their NRF credential. 1 is entering employment.
 - **In School Youth (PY 18-19) (Contract Dates: 10/1/18-9/30/19)**
40 students enrolled, meeting their goal. 23 are attending College & Career Readiness, 22 have completed. 17 Post-TABE test increased. 15 need to re-TABE. 1 has obtained their high school diploma. 2 have entered work experience. 27 have entered occupational skills training. 25 have obtained a credential. 14 have entered Wawa employment.
- ❖ **Cape May**
 - **Jersey Cape Diagnostics (Contract Dates: 7/1/18-6/30/19)**
 - **In School Youth (PY 18-19)**
20 students enrolled. They have reached 100% enrollment. 5 have measurable skill gains. 14 have completed College & Career Readiness. 12 have entered work experience. 5 have entered employment/advanced training. 1 has obtained their diploma.
 - **Out of School Youth (PY 18-19)**
40 students enrolled, exceeding their goal of 35. 10 have measurable skill gains. 29 have completed College & Career Readiness. 12 have entered work experience. 7 have entered employment/advanced training. 10 have attained their HSE.
 - **PathStone (Contract Dates: 7/1/18-6/30/19)**
 - **Out of School Youth (PY 18-19)**
22 students enrolled. 2 are attending College & Career Readiness, 10 have completed. 18 are attending GED preparation. 8 have increased their Post-TABE. 14 need to re-TABE. 1 has obtained their high school diploma. 3 have entered work experience. 1 has completed work experience. 4 have entered

occupational skills training, 4 have completed. 6 have entered employment/military/secondary education.

III. Other Provider Reports

o Wawa Program

Jaime Gomez informed the group that 150 students are enrolled. The program is running smoothly.

o Aspira Youth Build

Not in attendance for report

o New Jersey Youth Corp

Not in attendance for report

IV. Old/New Business

Allison informed the group about the memorandum from the State regarding Adult Basic Education (ABE) and English Language Acquisition (ELA) Testing. She gave the group a brief update of the plan. Allison will email a copy of the letter to the group.

Corey Kimble from Project Inspir8tion gave a presentation about his organization. The goal of the program is to inspire youth through the arts. Intake forms are available. The program runs after school, on weekends, and during spring, summer, and winter breaks. The starting age to enter the program is age 8. They currently have 56 youth enrolled in the program. 10 students per class. There are no county restrictions or eligibility requirements. Accredited programs are run through Project Inspir8tion. The youth are able to receive credentials through the program.

V. Adjournment

Allison requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion made by Oscar Gomez, Second by Maria Alleva. The meeting adjourned at 11:10am.