

Youth Council  
MS Teams Meeting  
January 25, 2022 – 10:00 a.m.

## MINUTES

A meeting of the Youth Council was held Tuesday, January 25, 2022 via MS Teams. Those in attendance were:

**Attendance:** Lisa Berry, Maria Avella, Elizabeth Reed, Anna Villanueva, Chrissy Wingate, Gwendolyn Jackson, Minette Santiago, Jessica Nagel, Katie Czajowski, Norma Cordero, Bill Waterman, Anne Garrison, Pamela Comerford, Jody Classen, Oscar Gomez, Susan Jurusz, Christine Colon, Tom Halligan, Patricia Mooneyham

**Staff:** Allison Spinelli, Cindy Angelo, Jaime Gomez

**Guests:** Marion Pasiglao, Youth Challenge Academy

### I. Welcome and Opening Remarks

Anna opened the meeting by welcoming all attendees. The meeting began at 10:02 a.m. Anna read the Open Public Meeting Act. She requested a motion to approve the minutes from October 2021. Motion made by Oscar Gomez. Seconded by Bill Waterman. All in favor, motion approved.

### II. Youth Provider Reports

❖ **Salem** – no current contracts

#### ❖ **Cumberland**

##### ○ **PathStone**

- **Out of School Youth (PY 21-22) (Contract Dates: 7/1/21-6/30/22)** - Christine reported that they are actively open and operating in person. 20 of 40 enrolled; 6 pending

##### ○ **Rowan College of South Jersey**

- **Out of School Youth Industry Focused (PY 21-22) (Contract Dates: 7/1/21-6/30/22)** - Patricia reported 2 of 30 enrolled; 6 pending

##### ○ **PRAC of Southern NJ**

- **Out of School (PY 21-22) (Contract Dates: 7/1/21-6/30/22)** – not present to report (approved LOS is 20)

##### ○ **Life Worth Living**

- **Out of School Recruitment (PY 21-22) (Contract Dates: 7/1/21-3/31/22)** – not present to report (approved LOS is 80)

❖ **Cape May**

- **Jersey Cape Diagnostics** - Chrissy reported that students are in person socially distanced
  - **In School Youth (PY 21-22) (Contract Dates: 7/1/21-6/30/22)**; 5-6 of 24 in process.
  - **Out of School Youth (PY 21-22) (Contract Dates: 7/1/21-6/30/22)** – 10 of 61 enrolled; 3 received HSE.
  - **Out of School Youth Industry Focused (PY 21-22) (Contract Dates: 7/1/21-6/30/22)** – no youth enrolled; LOS is 20.
- **Atlantic Cape Community College**
  - **Out of School Industry Focused (PY 21-22) (Contract Dates: 7/1/21-6/30/22)** – not present to report (LOS is 8).

**III. Youth Challenge Academy Presentation – Marion Pasiglao**

Marion presented information about the Youth Challenge Academy program: 22 week residential leadership program for youth ages 16-18 that leads to attainment of High School Equivalency (HSE); academic portion, job skills and life skills; full scholarship for each cadet; structure and discipline; 3 phases of program that include 8 core components; 12 month post-residential program; enrollment process: online application, zoom/phone interview, orientation, assessment, personnel determines good fit, final decision by Director.

**IV. Other Provider Reports**

- **Wawa SYEP Program** – Jaime provided the following update: 150 positions; collecting applications, interest seems low, will keep open until scheduled interviews sessions (in 2 months) and may interview youth separately after those sessions if necessary; Wawa started a partnership with Atlantic County to help fill open positions.
- **New Jersey Youth Corps** – not present to report.
- **U.S. Job Corps** – Oscar reported that Job Corps is operating in-person with social distancing; occupational programs are now open; additional outreach in Fort Dix and other locations for refugee recruitment.

**V. Old/New Business**

No reports.

**VI. Adjournment**

Anna requested a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Minnett Santiago, Second by Patricia Mooneyham. All in favor, meeting adjourned. The meeting ended at 10:47 a.m.