



***Joint Newark & Essex County Workforce Development Board
Youth Investment Council Committee Meeting***

Thursday, September 14, 2017
50 S. Clinton Street, 5th Floor Conference Room
10:00 a.m.

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Itunu Balogun, Jasmyne Beckford, Jean Carter, Ida Chimbay, Dorothy Edgerton, Caryl Lucas, Tom Puryear, Shelton Thurman, Chike Uzoka and Sonja Williams

Meeting Called to Order, Co-Chairpersons, Sonja Williams

Sonja introduced herself. A round table roll call of meeting attendees was completed.

Meeting attendees reviewed the minutes from the last meeting held on 7/13/17. Sonja presented a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. The minutes were approved by Tom Puryear and seconded by Sonja.

Newark Youth One-Stop Center-Program Status, Sonja Williams

The Newark Summer Youth Employment Program concluded with an astonishing thirty-five hundred Newark students employed. Sonja advised they had a program with United Airlines that went well, vendors were chosen for this year and a new program with parents was incorporated. Youth programs are doing well, 95% of in-schoolhouse youth were accepted into and will be attending a secondary educational institution.

In regards to the Mentorship Program, Sonja advised she contacted the Big Brothers and Big Sisters and will try to get a representative to the next YIC meeting so they can provide insight on how to establish and run a Mentorship Program.

Essex County Youth One-Stop Center-Program Status, Dorothy Edgerton

Transitional jobs started on 9/11/17 and will conclude on 12/8/17. Four youths were chosen who participated in the youth work-readiness orientation. Those participants will work 25 hours a week, they will be working on the YIC closet, office support and social media.

Program Updates

Coach Caryl advised every month a different employer will present and talk to the youth. For the month of September, K-Mart from West Orange presented and advised they are seeking 60 job ready approved potential employees. Coach Caryl advised majority of the youth are from Newark and East Orange.

Coach Caryl advised that starting October, once a month the WIOA programs will have an open-house initiative to invite partners to better service them.

Tom advised a new Youth Chairperson was appointed.

Jasmyne updated the committee in regards to the W.O.W vehicle; it's Newark's Workforce on Wheels mobile unit that travels around the City of Newark assisting individuals with enrolling in training, completing employment applications and creating awareness to those who do not know of the different benefits the One-Stop Center offers. If employers agree, positive recruitments and job interviews can be done on the mobile unit as well.

Itunu Balogun advised their summer youth program finalized with approximately 300 youths employed and 44 youth participated in college internships.

Jean advised there is a new WIOA update publication which talks about eligibility, of which he will email to Sonja so she may distribute it.

Sonja presented a motion to adjourn the meeting. Shelton approved and Tom seconded to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 30, 2017.