



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

Thursday, May 10, 2018

50 S. Clinton Street, 5th Floor Conference Room

2:30 P.M.

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Jasmyne Beckford, Apryl Caldwell, Keniesha Callender, Ida Chimbay, Qonisha Dasent, Raymond Jsh, Jean-Lois Phito, Najee Shabazz, Chike Uzoka and Sonja Williams.

Meeting Called to Order, Co-Chairperson, Apryl Caldwell & Sonja Williams

Sonja and Apryl introduced themselves. A round table roll call of meeting attendees was conducted.

Meeting attendees reviewed the minutes from the last meeting held on 4/8/18. Sonja presented a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. The minutes were approved by Chike and Qonisha Dasent.

Apryl advised the meeting will consist of status of the subcommittees, upcoming events and tour of the YIC closet.

Status of Subcommittees, Co-Chairpersons, Sonja Williams & Apryl Caldwell

Apryl advised there are three subcommittees which are: mentorship, business engagement and the YIC closet. In regards to business engagement, Apryl will have one of her interns prepare a brochure with all necessary information about the youth department, incentives and more to engage businesses.

Mentorship will be discussed in the next meeting as Keisha and the representative from Big Brother Big Sister organization were not able to attend this meeting.

In regards to the YIC Closet, Qonisha prepared the referral application which will be utilized by both Newark and Essex County. The referral application will allow those in need of the YIC Closet be well dressed for their job interviews.

Keniesha, Najee and Raymond updated all attendees of all the apparel and accessories the YIC Closet needs. Raymond advised the male side of the closet needs more racks, shoes, ties and winter clothing. Keniesha advised that for the women's side more donations are necessary such as: costume jewelry, shoes and winter clothing and accessories. Apryl advised the interns and Qonisha that they submit their request in writing.

Sonja and Apryl reviewed Qonisha's referral application and requested several changes such as setting up a schedule for those who need the YIC Closet. Applicants will be able to access the YIC Closet by appointments only.

Grand Opening of the YIC Closet will be in July. Apryl will send Amina and Sam an email to coordinate a date.

Upcoming Events

Ida advised the committee about the May 15th's Newark Career and Resource Expo that will be held at the Paul Robeson Center.

Jasmyne advised she will be part of a panel to discuss her role as a millennial and try to pin point the disconnect between employers and millennials.

Apryl advised Essex County will host a Job Fair at Essex County College, May 24th. Chike and Qonisha approved the March 8th minutes. Apryl provided the committee with a tour of the YIC Closet.

Meeting adjourned by Apryl and Sonja.

The next meeting is scheduled on July 12, 2018.