



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

Thursday, January 11, 2018
50 S. Clinton Street, 5th Floor Conference Room
2:30 P.M.

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Itunu Balogun, Jasmyne Beckford, Kelli Bell-Taylor, Apryl Caldwell, Ida Chimbay, Brian Coleman, Qonisha Dasent, Keisha Flemmings, Judith Steinfield, 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 completed in addition to Chike's attendance via phone.

Meeting attendees reviewed the minutes from the last meeting held on 12/8/17. Sonja presented a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. The minutes were approved by Brian and Qonisha with name corrections such as Kenisha and Qonisha Dasent.

Summer Youth Program, Co-Chairpersons, Sonja Williams & Apryl Caldwell

Sonja provided Newark's Summer Youth Employment flyers to the committee members.

Apryl advised that Essex's County Youth Program orientation occurs every month and are looking at their incentive program to potentially increase the amounts which she will advise the committee. She also advised other areas are providing higher incentives to their participants which they want to potentially mirror in the future. They are reviewing and revamping their curriculum to make sure everything is working effectively. Apryl advised they did transitional jobs and started off with four young adults and currently have three young adults. The other young adult found a job during the process which is the overall goal.

2018 Goals, Co-Chairperson, Apryl Caldwell

Subcommittees

- **YIC Closet-**Qonisha advised per the last minutes there are still items the closet needs. Qonisha wants to create a flyer and include donations items the closet needs. Brian will reach out to his contacts at Forman Mills and Walmart for donations. Grand Opening of the YIC Closet will be in April.
- **Business Engagement-** Apryl advised the Committee should focus on the Grand Opening of the YIC Closet and the Mentorship Summit and hold off on anything related to business engagement and prioritize in increasing the YIC Committee engagement.
- **Mentorship-** Sonja advised she knows a representative from Big Brother and Big Sister who she will contact and invite to the next committee meeting. Brian suggested a mentorship summit to bring organizations together and be able to discuss potential partnerships. Keisha advised that the issue is getting the sub-committee members to attend meetings. Apryl suggested once membership increases than they can discuss the mentorship summit.

Apryl requested that Ida email her the YIC Committee Membership List so she may distribute it to her 55 plus so they may contact them individually and inquire if they want to continue their membership with the committee. Apryl also requested that the committee calendar be provided to the YIC Committee members.

Meeting adjourned by Sonja.

The next meeting is scheduled on May 10, 2018.