

Workforce Development Board

Youth Council Minutes

Friday, May 19, 2023

Attendance: via ZOOM

Attendees:

Curtis Myers – Aspire Youth Development
Shana Jarvis – Aspire Youth Development
Jennifer Veneziani – Div. Voc. Rehab Svcs.
Jodie Glenn – Bordentown Adult Education

Jared Toscano – Palmyra High School
Randy Brolo - Labor
Mariya Burnell – TD Bank
Barbara Weir – WDB

Call to Order: 10:05AM – Curtis Myers (interim host)

Barbara *welcomed* our new WDB and Youth Council Member, Mariya Burnell of TD Bank.

I. Volunteer Needed

The Youth Council needs a co-chair, on an as needed basis, to help drive Council agenda when the Chair is unable to attend meetings. This will help reduce the cancelation rate. Randy Brolo volunteered to be the Youth Council co-chair when needed.

II. Youth Program Discussion

Curtis reported 65 youth with barriers between 16-24 years of age have been served to date. 36 are currently active, 30 are actively looking for employment, occupational training, and/or obtaining their High School Equivalent; 7 are new enrollees, 6 youth have successfully completed their goals and are in follow-up status, 6 youth successfully completed The National Association of Entrepreneurship and Business Leadership with BuildED. Youth received an incentive for participation and 6 are currently seeking employment.

Shana reported she is seeking employer partners for youth needing work experience.

Curtis and Shana will be attending an outreach event in Bordentown

III. Youth Career Fair Update

The **Youth Job Fair** will be held on **Thursday, May 25 from 4:30 to 7:00 PM** at the **Human Services Facility, 795 Woodlane Road, Westampton NJ 08060**. The fair is open to all youth 16 and up.

Our flyer has been shared across social media platforms, throughout all the High Schools, with all our partner programs, posted in the Burlington County Times (4x), electronic signs mark Woodlane Road and 541, and a press release from the County Commissioners office was issued.

Currently have 40 tables reserved; tent cards printed. A one-sheet list of participants has been printed and ready to hand to youth for tracking purposes.

Set-up will be at 2 PM with employers expected anytime after 3:45 PM.

A table will be available in the lobby for Amazon giveaways.

IV. Youth RFP

The WDB issued a Request for Proposals to competitively procure youth services on Tuesday, April 18, 2023, with submissions due Tuesday, May 10th. All proposals were submitted electronically through IONWAVE. Proposals were reviewed and scored by a review team of the WDB. WDB staff are not permitted to review and score; only to submit evaluation report to the commissioners to recommend award. Agency notification will occur in June and the program to commence in July.

Meeting Adjourned: 10:45 AM

Next Meeting: September 15, 2023