

# MINUTES

## Youth & Education Committee

September 19, 2016

Attendees: Cynthia Miller, Davidene Alpart, Alan Concha, Cristhian Barcelos, Will Graulich, Mien Mombo, Josephine Sardina, Maisy Card, Quay Davis, Tiesha Williams, Harvey Nutter, Liz Rodrigues,

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### Introductions

In the Absence of Susan Ronga, of PACE/Paterson Adult Continuing Education, Interim Chair. Davidene Alpart, Program Manager of One-Stop Career Center called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m.

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### Minutes

Minutes were reviewed and accepted.

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### Summer Work Experience

Davidene Alpart reported the following:

- The new WIOA Law which supersedes the old WIA law change is with the Youth in terms of dollars in the past the mandate was to allocate 30-70% of the funds for out-of-school youth and the new requirement is that 75% minimum must be allocated for out-of-school youth. The work experience program was scaled down to 6 weeks with a mandate of year round services for the youth.
- The work experience consist of community work throughout the county and the youth will get a pay check for the work that is rendered. The youth develops a task list, create a resume and also develop some skills which help the youth determine his/her career paths. The youth are asked to self-evaluate to see if they accomplished their goals.
- Out of the 238 youth hired 60 went on to college, the One-Stop Career Center Counselors will keep in contact, 20-25 went into an occupational based training where a certificate will be obtained to help the client sustain oneself, 122 received GED or went back to high school where the counselors will continue to follow the students to make sure they are active in workshops, have continued resources available through the year, get part time jobs and participate in positive recruitment to help find employment. The goal is to keep the youth connected to careers (Career Connection) which has a lot of information and a variety of occupations for the youth to consider.

### Q&A

**Are the students called out of the class room or does the One-Stop Career Center have a presentation?** Davidene Alpart stated that the decision has to be made on how to present and how to reach all of the youth.

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### **Out-of-School Youth**

Davidene Alpart reported the following:

- The Request for Proposal (RFP) for the programs has been read and rewarded to the following four programs: (1&2) *Catapult Learning Center* located in Clifton and Passaic, New Jersey youth can obtain a high school equivalency (HiSet) test and move on to connect with the One-Stop Career Center where an Individual Training Document is created that is a living document that will continue to change and follow the youth. (3.) *PACE/New Jersey Youth Corps/New Jersey Great Falls* program both are mandated program with a general equivalency. (4.) *St. Paul's CDC* for Culinary, Construction & Building and Maintenance is one the new programs for the youth.

Davidene Alpart noted that the committee will table the agenda topics **Referral Pilot Program** and **Literacy Consortium Partners** for the next meeting due to the absence of Sue Ronga and Dr. Christopher Irving.

Cristhian Barcelos reported the following:

- As per the SCALES meeting the Literacy Consortium Partners may not be allowed to attend the Youth & Education Committee meetings because it may be a conflict of interest.
- The state has put out a grant for libraries targeting low level ESL programs to assist client with work related matters such as navigating career connections, completing online job applications and computer literacy.

Walter Toombs apprised the committee that there will be positive recruitment for Macy's and Burlington Coat Factory. All candidates applying must be 18 years old and up. The employers will be hiring for several jobs and also noted that IHOP have ongoing job openings available.

The meeting concluded at 10:40 a.m.

The schedule for the next meeting: **TBD**

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