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Atlantic County Workforce Development Oversight Committee Meeting April 18, 2018

**Attendance**

Bahiya Cabral-Johnson Eric Reynolds Marian Woodson Jim Waters Ren Parikh  
 Dhara Bachman Dasha Brown Rhonda Lowery Raza Gilani

**Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 2:37pm with minutes being approved by Jim W. and Ren P.; Eric R. abstained.

One Stop Operator Report

TANF Work Participation Rate:

**2018**

April- 14.3 % March-14.0 % February- 16.2 % January- 14.8 %

Eric R. inquired about the GA/TANF trainings as well as Rhonda L. inquiring about the customer surveys. Marian W. One Operator ensured that the totals will be completed for the next meeting and she has also informed all staff of the survey's as well. Rhonda L. added that once the surveys are submitted we will then see a change.

**TASC**

The report is up to the month of March:

Initial TASC- 7 TASC Single Subject- 21  
 Total TASC taken- 28 Total Passed- 6

**TABE**

Initial TABE- 145 Adult- 42 Dislocated- 23 Youth- 1 TANF- 30  
 GA/SNAP- 47 55+- 0 Other- 2 Re-Test- 1 Total taken- 146

According to Rhonda L. the levels are 11<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> and it is a 5-hour test which is difficult; we are currently looking into the CASA testing system which is more cost effective, once we receive the trial test some of our youth and adult staff will sample the test. The new level TABE will begin July 2019 of which it will remain a computer based test. Marian W. continues reporting that Jane S. is doing a great job in the Learning Link.

Vendor YTD Totals

America Works:

referrals 558 enrolled 350 completed assessment 182 no shows 205 attendance rate 63.26%

Stockton:

Referrals 638 enrolled 509 completed assessment 350 no shows 153 attendance rate 75.08%

The Vendors are asked to submit their current monthly numbers in order to avoid discrepancies. Marian W. will also check to see if the vendors are meeting their required LOS. Volunteers of America will continue to assist with transportation although the seems to be a decrease in attendance during the winter months. Bahiya J. and Jim W. made a motion to accepted the minutes as reported.

#### Rhonda L. Executive Report

Contracts- are complete; In School/Out of School Youth renewals are currently being reviewed. Training funds are currently on hold thus were are conscience of the funding levels of bids. Awardees will be notified in the month of May to be in effect by July 1, 2018.

Summer Youth- There are approximately 50 applications; eligibility and testing are done in the same day. 70% of the funding is for Out of School youth and there will also be direct referrals as well. Vendors will receive a portion of that which will count for the month of June. Eric R. asked if there will be an extension beyond June and Rhonda L. explained that yes customers will be informed. This year funds are 40% less with that said we are looking at incumbent training.

During a meeting with the Commissioner, we discussed youth, casino's, and transportation; we are also looking at training employees for the Hard Rock which will take place at ACCC. Motion to accept this report was made by Ren P. and seconded by Jim W.

#### Provider Updates

America Works- Raza G. reported that they received 575 referrals with a 63% show rate.

Family Community & Dev.- Jim W. reports that they are working closely with WFNJ to increase the participation rate, there is a SNAP ENT review in set in place. Files were requested however not received as of yet.

IDEAL- Ren P. reports that Out of School Youth had 12 applications submitted. We now have mobile service for cell phones, tablets, laptop, psp, xbox, and wii and we are working towards acquiring 4 vans by the end of 2018. IDEAL is also committed to funding customers that aspire to become business owners. The final inspection for the new Music Studio located in the Hamilton Mall will be complete soon. This \$25,000 studio has donated equipment with our students working with a 1099 form; we also have an online platform as well. Rhonda L. asked that IDEAL consider being a presenter at the GSETA Conference this year and also set a scheduled day that the service van can come to the One Stop. Marian W. agreed to set this up. Ren P. agreed to bring the van at the next meeting. We are seeking to have a teachers training program at ACCC or Stockton and the goal is to have a Business Resource Center and by July 2018 all of our programs will have some college credits. Rhonda L. added that this a great way to reach the youth as they need a career path.

VOA- Dasha B. reports that transportation with resume the week of April 22<sup>nd</sup> 2018; transportation is for those have appointments with Social Security Administration and my staff will travel as far as New York to assist customers in obtaining birth certs and any other vital documents. The VOA also assist with Casino license and the Hard Rock for customers that has limited income and or those that receive TANF or GA. Rhonda L. added that should VOA are unable to assist certain customers the One Stop may possibly be able to as long as they qualify.

Stockton- Bahiya J. reports that they are working on meeting the performance measures.

Eric R.- reports that they are working with ACIT and the Summer Youth with contingent employment for the Hard Rock and Ocean.

No Old Business

New Business

The One Stop certification is due by July 2019 of which it is the Oversight committee's responsibility to complete therefore we must past.

Adjourned 3:51