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Atlantic County Workforce

Youth Committee Meeting August 14, 2018 Atlantic County Special Services

Attendance

Claire Millar	Leesa Seymour	Connie Price	Michael Margraf	Latoyra Smith
Diana Strelczyk	Sherwood Taylor	Stacy Forman	Jackie Adelman	Anne M. Finley
Anne Dillon	Stephanie Koch	Rev. Maddox	Tyrone Page	Rhonda Lowery
Gina DeMaio	Rod Green	Ren Parikh		

This meeting was called to order at 9:34am by the committee Chair Stephanie K. During this meeting a presentation was given by Anne Dillon from Atlantic County Special Services (ACSSD) regarding Youth Education and Employment that the school offers through WIOA funding. The focus is to change the impression of what a person with a disability is. There are 30 students some with medical issues however this is not a deterrent to employment. ACSSD is developing a more individualized programs that meet the needs and interests of a diverse population of students. This is tracked for employment from fall to the spring.

The Symposium had a great attendance. Rod G. attended and stated that the information given is what’s needed and networking is a key factor. Anne D. added that there are children of working age are employed with assistance of their parents and in some cases there are those that obtain employment without parental guidance. It is the hope that this Symposium is an annual event to further assist the disability community.

Rhonda L. introduce Tyrone P., Youth Supervisor Employment Specialist which will head Youth Works. Tyrone P. further gave his outlook for the program as well as reported on the following program numbers: 5 providers, 19 enrolled, 14 that are program eligible. Vendors are required to recruit however WFNJ will refer. Youth should be TABE tested first of which Stockton will do; transportation funds are not available however as per Rhonda L. a daily bus ticket can be issued to a youth to return home once testing is complete.

Youth Corp had 34 to graduate; Urban Gateway currently has 10 youth enrolled. The graduated youth are in follow-up up to one year linking them with services needed.

Old Business

The Healthcare is endeavoring to speak with schools, churches, ACIT, etc. to encourage the youth to consider a career in the healthcare field as the patient to aide is changing. There is a major shortage of CNA’s and being proactive is imperative. ACCC had classes for this 6yrs ago however currently this is an employer driven entity and the salaries must change. Atlanticare has PCA’s and they train from within. The biggest complaint is that there is always a staff shortage.

New Business

Apprenticeships is being developed by the TDC. Ren P. added that Ideal is going to have a CHHA class once the approvals are obtained which may possibly be in by October. Rhonda L. suggested that as a committee we should develop a Healthcare information session; Stephanie K adding that a career fair would be great, ACIT has scheduled a career fair on October 4, 2018.

Adjourned 10:50am