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Youth Committee Meeting May 15, 2018 ACCC Worthington Center Atlantic City NJ

#### Attendance

Marissa Levy

Rhonda Lowery

Sherwood Taylor

Michael Margraf

Michelle Carrera

Ren Parikh

Jackie Adleman

Stephanie Koch

Claire Millar

Leesa Seymour

Bahiya Cabral-Johnson

#### Minutes

The meeting was called to order. Ren Parikh of Ideal Institute of Technology gave a presentation of their services and how it can be of some use to the youth at large. Ideal offers training in a vast array of courses. Ideal Tech Center is a student enterprise managed by its students. The purpose is two-fold: to provide hands on training and to provide excellent services to the community.

Visit [www.idealtechcenter](http://www.idealtechcenter) or [www.iitnj.org](http://www.iitnj.org) for more information.

The Commissioner is scheduled to visit the Full Board meeting in June and in preparation of that visit Rhonda L. explained that during this visit each committee is asked to submit questions and or concerns via email so that they can be presented during the Full Board meeting by the Youth Committee Chair Stephanie K. Michele C. has requested funding for Out of School Youth as they are not the focal point and does not gain the necessary attention needed especially WIOA, Rhonda L. explains that Out of School Youth currently receives 75% funding. Michele C. further adding that non-profits are in need and that's really her concern; non-profit agencies provide life skills training just as other agencies however cannot get funding, also we send 14yr. olds to skills training programs as well. Rhonda L. suggested that those types of programs become community based. Rhonda L. will check to see if she can be of some assistance. Ren P. cited that most youth will not look for a job at a fast-food chain due to the fact that they would much rather make their own money, at Ideal we help prepare them for that along with business plans, budgets, and preparing their taxes. GED is a requirement to complete and Ideal is committed and will be accredited in 2019. With that said Stephanie K. asking that all concerns be sent to her via email by June 1, 2018.

Financial Report- Rhonda L.

**New Jersey Youth Corp-** 22 enrolled, 2 gained employment in the month of April and the outcomes will take place in the month June. The graduation will take place during the month of June as well with 20 graduates; the commencement speaker is Dr. Gaba from Atlantic Cape Community College.

**Summer Youth Applications-** 53

#### **In school youth:**

Atlantic County Special Services 52 enrolled

Mainland Regional- 12 enrolled

**Out of school youth:**

America Works- 0

Ideal- 16 enrolled

There are high school seniors looking for summer employment prior to college therefore we are working the possibilities. Although most employers will hire our youth without submitting for a reimbursement, we will continue to make them aware of this benefit. Our Summer Youth vendors are as follows: The Chamber and America Works. Please be reminded that all billing is to be submitted by August 1, 2018.

**New Business**

There are 3 Out of School Youth contracts this year with the concern for the youth population in this area which means that vendors must have a creative approach. The adult funds have been reduced as we are a stand-alone county; we will bid next year for the In School Youth. The youth providers are as follows: America Works, Stockton, and Ideal.

Youth Corp serves in the community and the One Stop. During the week of May 21<sup>st</sup> the youth be painting the staff breakroom area as well as plant a community garden at Faith Baptist Church in Pleasantville NJ. As a committee should you have ideas and or community projects for the youth please submit them to Rhonda L. or Rev. Maddox.

We have applied for the Urban Gateway Grant which will be geared towards horticulture.

Adjourned 10:45am

