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Youth Committee Meeting 9:30am November 28, 2017 Pleasantville One Stop

Attendance

Stephanie Koch

Mike Margraf

Rhonda Lowery

Regina Pryor

James Sarkos

Anne Dillon

Marian Woods

Sherwood Taylor

Cassandra Shellhorn

Marissa Levy

Jacqueline Adelman

Jamie Moscony

Karen McCormick

Odinga Maddox

Claire Millar

Henry White

Michelle Carrera

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 9:30am by the new appointed committee Chair Stephanie K. this meeting is a collective strategy and effort to enhance the youth employment and development in Atlantic County working to making services and programming more innovative, effective and efficient, while answering the needs of local employers.

Rev. Maddox reports that Mainland and Atlantic County Special Services In-School Youth contracts is focused on the academics as well as Work Readiness. The Ideal and America Works Out of School Youth contract uses the same concept. All youth between the ages of 16-24 must be deemed eligible for the programs. High School diploma tutoring is offered as a supported service. The programs accept referrals and IEP's are accepted as a part of their eligibility. There is a great need in this region for programs such as this keeping youth engaged leading to a successful outcome. Rhonda L added that now the programs can accept youth that has graduated from high school up to the age of 24, keep in mind that the must have a barrier. 75% of the youth funding must be used with 25% of that has to be spent on a community project. We spoke with employers las summer offering a 50% salary match provided that they hire the youth. 23 referrals went to America Works and the Chamber; second round youth went to Ideal and to date two youth remains employed. Stephanie K. requested the stats (performance and financial reporting) of youth programs be shared at all future meetings..

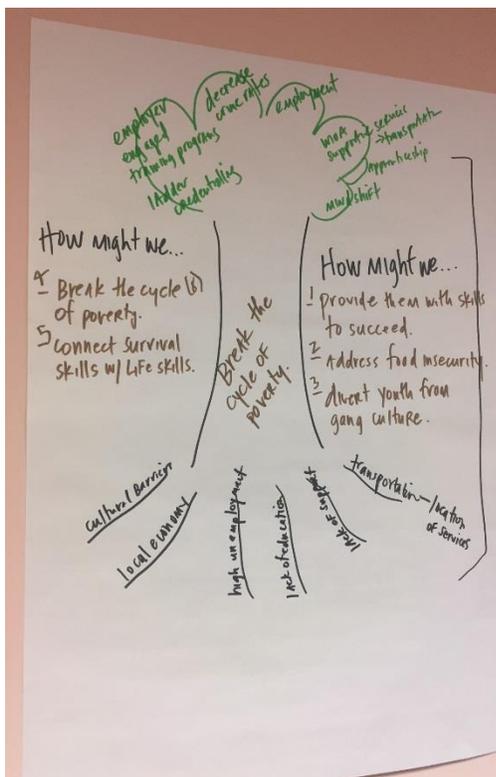
Marissa L. from Stockton University works with community partners providing services at Busby Village and will open a site at the library in Pleasantville using best practices to serve the community. Stephanie K. cited that the difference between adults and youth are the services that can be received.

Stephanie K. Presentation- Human Centered Design Group Exercise Illustration

How to address the youth issues:

- A) Provide Skills
- B) Food & Security
- C) Divert from Social Media
- D) Survival Skills/Life Skills

For some solution review the charts below:



Out of school youth
AKA Opportunity youth

- 16-24 yrs old
- disengaged from School + WORK

→ 75% → 20% community based services

- Barriers - no hs diploma, BASIC Skills def, Re-entering, foster care, homeLess, IEP

Next steps

- summer employment program RFP
- OSY RFP
- stakeholders
- YAC - \$884k By June 30 → Dec.
- Simran sidu
- JFF
- sector strategies
- Funding + performance \$1.259m FY 18
- \$88k complete
- FY 18

GOALS

- ① RFP - innovative programming, microcredits (JFF.org)
- ② employers - gma de nino
 - hospitality - Revel, hard rock
 - healthcare - Atlanticare
 - construction
 - Jingozi
- ③ stakeholders - student rep from programs Adults
 - Young - aka Adults
 - Brandina → credential complet job ready

Youth Core currently has 50 youth participating and it is the belief that we can assist all youth in our area. Rhonda L. added that only two providers applied for the youth contract however we must come up with a way to get the youth to participate. A bid will be put out in the coming year for Out of School Youth and is continuing to look for ways to get other providers to apply. Stephanie K. asked the committee should they have employers that are willing to assist in this endeavor please submit via email. Chief Henry W. suggested that Jim Joli be contacted as he has a construction company and may be in need of employees. Sherwood T. added that the verbiage needs to change for youth to adults, this terminology may get the attention of more youth; youth

should also get credentials. The bottom line is that we must take a different approach. Vineland is working on Uber transportation to assist; Rhonda L. added that a shuttle was used at one point however we now have blended funds, therefore yes we should consider an outside of our community. We will start the programs earlier this coming year as our contract administrator is working on the contracts. Regina P. will email the WIOA Training information and a list of those that have all 14 elements for a youth program.

Adjourned 10:52am