

Youth Council
MS Teams Meeting
October 25, 2022 – 10:00 a.m.

MINUTES

A meeting of the Youth Council was held Tuesday, October 25, 2022 via MS Teams. Those in attendance were:

Attendance: Chrissy Wingate, Lisa Berry, Betsy Reed, Barbara Kozak, Katie Czajkowski, Elizabeth Satterfield, Norma Cordeiro, John Fuqua, Minnett Santiago, Bill Waterman, Christine Colon, Pam Comerford, Anne Garrison, Heather Garrison, Gwen Jackson

Staff: Allison Spinelli, Jaime Gomez, Cindy Angelo, Terri Bryan, Thomas Halligan

I. Welcome and Opening Remarks

Allison opened the meeting by welcoming all attendees. The meeting began at 10:04 a.m. Allison read the Open Public Meeting Act. She requested a motion to approve the minutes from July 2022. Motion made by Cindy. Seconded by Anne. All in favor, motion approved.

II. Youth Provider Reports

❖ **Salem** – no current contracts

❖ **Cumberland**

- **PathStone - Out of School Youth (PY 22-23) (Contract Dates: 7/1/22-6/30/23)** – 32 completed applications but only 15 decided to enroll; several ready to test; HiSet and GED testing options challenges; work experience challenges for those under 18; discussion about potential for open house at PathStone.
- **Life Worth Living - Out of School Youth Recruitment (PY 22-23) (Contract Dates: 7/1/22-3/31/23)** – outreach team of 7; created and distributing flyer; combining outreach efforts with county grant and other vendors; door-to-door outreach; survey youth and families
- **Hopeloft – In School Youth (PY 22-23) (Contract Dates: 9/1/22-6/30/23)** – Not present; contract just started in September 2022.

❖ **Cape May**

○ **Jersey Cape Diagnostics**

- **In School Youth (PY 22-23) (Contract Dates: 10/1/22-6/30/22)**; LOS is 14 youth; Wildwood High School visit, 30 youth participated
- **Out of School Youth (PY 22-23) (Contract Dates: 7/1/22-6/30/23)** – 1 enrolled
- **Out of School Youth Industry Focused (PY 22-23) (Contract Dates: 7/1/22-6/30/23)** – LOS is 20, 4 enrolled. Slow start to OSY programs but all youth making progress.

III. Other Provider Reports

- **Wawa SYEP Program** – starting recruitment for the 2023 summer program; staff attended back-to-school events at high schools.
- **New Jersey Youth Corps** – no report
- **U.S. Job Corps** – no report

IV. Old/New Business

Lisa Berry reported that there a lot of TANF cases with youth dropouts that cannot be mandated to participate in anything at this time. Potential to connect them to existing OSY programs.

There was a lengthy discussion about the various needs of the youth in our countries and how we can work together to address them.

YSAC is discussing ideas for creating jobs for alternate schools; researching funding options for county and municipal grants to create a program.

Need to reconnect to all area high schools for in-school youth programs.

Request for food assistance for the OSY programs; many youth attend without having any meals yet that day and it creates issues with focus.

V. Adjournment

Alison requested a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Minnett Santiago, Second by Christine. All in favor, meeting adjourned. The meeting ended at 10:48 a.m.