



# WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

CUMBERLAND · SALEM · CAPE MAY

Youth Council Committee  
Luciano Conference Center  
July 23, 2019

## MINUTES

A meeting of the Cumberland/Salem/Cape May Youth Council Committee was held on Tuesday, July 23, 2019 at 10 a.m. in the Luciano Conference Center at Rowan College SJ.

**ATTENDANCE:** Maria Alleva, Anna Villanueva, Kathy Smalley, Tom Halligan, Kristen Raring, Marva Ferguson, Katie Czajkowski, Mike Pavesi, Anne Garrison, Tammy Wilkerson, Anna Pasquale, Christine Colon, Maria Trejo-Mendiola, Betsy Reed, Thomas Brown, Elizabeth Satterfield, Diana Strelczyk, Jade Fleming, Jaimee Rex, Pam Comerford

**GUESTS:** Gary Altman, Kyree Robinson

**STAFF:** Allison Spinelli, Ginger Supernavage, Jaime Gomez

### HANDOUTS:

Resources for Independent Living In-School and Out-of-School Report, SCVT In-School and Out-of-School Report, PathStone In-School Youth Cumberland, PathStone Out-of-School Youth Cumberland, PathStone Out-of-School Youth Cape May, Jersey Cape In-School Youth and Prep Program Progress Report, Jersey Cape ODOSY, Recipes for Success: A Youth Committee Guide under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act WIOA.

### I. Welcome and Opening Remarks Approval of Minutes

Anna Villanueva opened the meeting by welcoming all attendees and read the Open Public Meeting Act. The meeting started at 10:09 a.m. Introductions were made around the room. Anna requested a motion to approve the minutes from April 2019. Motion made by Maria Alleva, Second by Maria Trejo-Mendiola. All in favor, motion approved.

### II. Youth Provider Reports

#### ❖ Salem

#### ○ Resources for Independent Living (Contract Dates: 12/1/18 – 6/30/19)

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- **Salem County Vocational Technical School (Contract Dates: 12/1/18 – 6/30/19)**
  - **Out of School Youth (PY 17-18)**  
10 students are enrolled, 9 are receiving services, 7 have completed Conover and 7 have had academic gains. 8 have completed work experience and 5 have obtained credential for NRF. 6 have entered College/Military/Secondary Ed/Employment and 4 have obtained their HS diploma.
  - **In School Youth (PY 17-18)**  
10 students are enrolled and are receiving services, 9 have completed Conover and 10 have had academic gains. 9 have completed work experience and 9 have obtained credential for CPR. 9 have entered College/Military/Secondary Ed/Employment and 10 have obtained their HS diploma.
- **Stockton University (Contract Dates: 12/1/18 – 6/30/19)**
  - **Out of School Youth (PY 17-18)**  
There are four students enrolled. Three are enrolled in the GED program and one completed work readiness. One is employed. All are still completing their career path training through Stockton.  
Alli said Salem County is in the process of doing contract extensions. We are trying to get everyone on a program schedule July to June. October to September contracts are having a negative impact on Measurable Skills Gain goal.
- ❖ **Cumberland**
  - **PathStone (Contract Dates 10/1/18 – 9/30/19)**
    - **Out of School Youth (PY 18-19)**  
29 students enrolled, their goal is 33. 29 are attending College & Career Readiness, 14 Post-TABE test increased. 8 have obtained their high school diploma. 18 have entered work experience. 14 have completed work experience. 27 have entered occupational skills training and 22 have completed.
    - **In School Youth (PY 18-19)**  
40 students enrolled, meeting their goal. 10 are attending College & Career Readiness, 27 have completed. 28 Post-TABE test increased. 15 have obtained their high school diploma. 4 have entered work experience. 40 have entered occupational skills training. 39 have obtained a credential. 15 have entered Wawa employment.
  - **Rowan College SJ (Contract Dates 7/1/19 to 6/30/20)**
    - **Out of School Youth (PY 19-20)**  
Allison reported this contract is a pilot project for OSY Industry Focused Occupational Training and Internship. There were additional resources in Youth to fund this program. Cape May has an RFP out now and we may see something

similar in Salem if successful. You can go to Cumberland website for Cape May RFP.

❖ **Cape May**

○ **Jersey Cape Diagnostics (Contract Dates: 7/1/18-6/30/19)**

• **In School Youth (PY 18-19)**

20 students enrolled. They have reached 100% enrollment. 14 have measurable skill gains. 15 have completed College & Career Readiness. 14 have entered work experience. 10 have entered employment/advanced training. 16 have obtained their diploma.

• **(Contract Dates: 7/1/19 to 6/30/20 (PY 19-20))**

One student has completed all paperwork and ten have paperwork pending. All said they have 60 days to test.

• **Out of School Youth (PY 18-19)**

40 students enrolled, exceeding their goal of 35. 19 have measurable skill gains. 29 have completed College & Career Readiness. 15 have entered work experience. 10 have entered employment/advanced training. 20 have attained their HSE.

○ **PathStone (Contract Dates: 7/1/18-6/30/19)**

• **Out of School Youth (PY 18-19)**

20 students enrolled. 14 have a measurable skill gain, 13 entered employment. One entered military and six have attained their workforce credential.

**III. Other Provider Reports**

○ **Wawa Program**

Jaime Gomez informed the group that 149 Cumberland County youth have been hired for Wawa stores at the shore. Eight have left the program to work closer to home and prep for college. Is Wawa program available in Cape May county? Alli told the group the Wawa program started in 1998 with 1 bus, 1 school and 60 students. It has been expanded to working with five schools and 149 students. There are challenges in making it work. Schools play a big part in giving access to students. Relationships would have to be made in Cape May schools. Anna said this was tried and they didn't want to partner.

A partnership between CC TEC and Morey's Pier was formed for students to work the 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. shift at the pier. This occurred with little or no cost to Morey's Pier. We used resources from our ACE grant to provide transportation. If successful, we may expand next year and have conversation to use Cape May students.

○ **Aspira Youth Build**

*Not in attendance for report*

○ **New Jersey Youth Corp**

*Not in attendance for report*

**IV. Old/New Business**

Allison introduced Gary Altman **and** Kyree Robinson from the SETC who gave a presentation on the Shared Youth Vision Council. Kyree shared that the Youth Council developed this tool to start conversations on how it can be effective and implemented on a local level. Use the chart provided and

mark where you are and where you want to be. This is a draft. We would like feedback on how likely you are to use this tool when coordinating and planning services.

**Adjournment**

Anna requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion made by Jade Fleming, Second by Jaime Gomez. The meeting adjourned at 11:05am.