



WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

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Youth Council Committee

Center for Workforce & Economic Development
3322 College Drive, Vineland
April 22, 2025 – 10:00 a.m.

MINUTES

Approved during the July 22, 2025 meeting

A meeting of the Youth Council Committee was held on Tuesday, April 22, 2025 at the Center for Workforce & Economic Development.

Attendance: Bill Waterman, Brittney Guthrie, Carla Goldsboro, Christine Colon, Dani Williams, Elizabeth Reed, Emma Curry, Jocelyn McNear, Jonathan Cummings, Kamryn Spicer, Katie Czajkowski, Kelly Dean, Krysta Hickman, Maribel Bermudez, Nordica Powell, Pat Harrison, Rachael Wilson, Steve Medio

Staff: Amanda Barnes, April Gomez, Cindy Angelo

I. Welcome and Opening Remarks

The meeting began at 10:04 a.m. April Gomez welcomed everyone and started the meeting off with the reading of the Open Public Meetings Act.

II. Approval of Minutes

April requested a motion to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2025 meeting.

2025 January 28 Minutes

1st Emma Curry 2nd Christine Colon

All in favor, vote passes

III. Youth Provider Reports- PY July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025

○ Salem

RanchHope – Out of School Youth

Bill Waterman – 10 students enrolled; 2 earned their GED, completed work experience, and received technical training/vocational certificates; 1 will be starting the LPN program in Salem; 1 completed GED and is working; 1 has nearly completed their GED - passed 3 out of 4 tests, received automotive tech certification; 2 others are working towards their driver's license and are enrolled in programs – CNA and CMA and Phlebotomy

○ Cumberland

PathStone - Out of School Youth

Christine Colon – 41 enrolled; Completed 50 hours of academic skills tutoring; at 25 of the 27 increased skills gains; 15 have started GED exams; 7 have obtained HS Diploma or

recognized post-secondary; 25 completed workplace readiness and career readiness; 7 entered work experience and have completed 100 hours; 2 are working to complete their work experience; 4 employment, military, secondary education. Have a possible 8 for the upcoming July program year.

LSI - Out of School Youth

Nordica Powell- 9 youth enrolled; 1 obtained forklift certification; 2 will be attending forklift class; 1 attending CNA classes; 4 working on GED; 3 interviewing and resume building

Cumberland Employment & Training – In School Youth

April Gomez – Reported out on behalf of Jaime Gomez. Met Level of Service of 20; All have completed Workplace Readiness and Financial Literacy; 15 completed Career Exploration; 8 have completed their work experience while 10 others are on their way to completing before June 30th. A possible 14 youth will continue work experience with the Summer Youth Work Experience Program.

○ *Cape May*

Jersey Cape Diagnostics

• In School Youth

Emma Curry – spoke about the podcast Jersey Cape has launched for youth in Cape May County. They hope to invite youth from programs in other counties and use the podcast as a platform to bring awareness of available programs and opportunities for youth.

Brittney Guthri – 1 student in Pre-ETS Paid Internship program with more in the process of starting; 34 students in Pre-ETS – at least on in each of the 7 schools. 1 accepted in Cape May Techs Dental Assistant Program; another was accepted to UTI In Exton.

• Out of School Youth

Kelly Dean - 10 enrolled; 1 completed GED; 3 are in the process of completing testing; 4 are interested in paid work experience; 4 jobs in development

IV. Other Provider Reports

○ Wawa Program 2025

April Gomez- 140 participants have been selected and have attended orientation. They have started training at local stores. They will start to go to the shore stores on the first weekend in May.

○ Summer Youth Work Experience Program

April Gomez – Have 100 slots for program and have received 535 applications. Applications will be accepted until the end of May. Worksite agreements are completed, and youth interviews are in process. Orientation will begin on May 22nd, June 21st & 28th.

V. Old/New Business

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:19 a.m. Motion made by Bill Waterman and Emmy Curry.