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YOUTH INVESTMENT COUNCIL MEETING

Administration Building – 640 S. Broad Street

January 6, 2009 ♦ Minutes

Attendance: Sam Frisby (City of Trenton), Rakima Stokes-Little (MCCC), Mary E. Burks (Trenton Public Schools), Jim Purcell (Medina Consultants), Gary Gray (Hamilton Neighborhood Center), Jeanne Oswald (Isles, Inc.), Jamie Cammisa (St. Francis Medical Center), Lori Danko (Museum of Contemporary Life Sciences), Joan Josephson (Parker McCay Law Firm)

Staff: Beverly Mills, Maribel Duarte

♦ Meeting opened by Sam Frisby

Review of Dec. 18th Minutes

□ Only Sam and Maribel were present at meeting

♦ Introductions were made

♦ Sam provided overview of Mercer EYES and how conference was a continuum of services to youth

Youth Conference held on 1/29/09 at the Mercer County Community College Conference Center

Conference Workshops

* A description of the workshops, including the names of facilitators/presenters will be distributed to youth; Sam suggested that we include a mission statement in the beginning to explain purpose of conference.

* Facilitators will introduce self, then presenters. At end of last presentation, they will allow students to ask questions, but be prepared to jumpstart Q&A if youth are hesitant.

* Speakers should cover the following topics in their presentations: the need that exists, career paths (include personal career), schools available, salary prospects, etc.

* Presenters in the same workshop should contact each other to discuss order and division of time

□ *Green Jobs*

- Danny Napoleon (Mercer County Recycling), *Facilitator*
- Jeanne Oswald, (VP of Isles' NJ Center for Energy & Environmental Training)
- TerraCycle, pending

* Jeanne Oswald gave brief overview of her presentation

- *Health & Science*
 - Diane Carroll (Museum of Contemporary Life Sciences), *Facilitator*
 - Mary Jo Abbondanza (St. Francis Medical Center), *Topic: Nursing*
 - Jane Millner (St. Lawrence Rehabilitation Center), *Topic: Physical Therapy & Rehabilitation*
 - Scott Gygax (Medical Diagnostic Laboratories, LLC), *Topic: Blood Testing*
 - Melinda Skarupsky, *Topic: Emergency Medical Technicians*
- *Employability Skills & Employer Expectations*
 - Mary E. Burks (Trenton Public Schools)
 - Barrett Young (PEI Kids)
 - Private employer from Marriott or Hyatt, pending
- Floaters to assist in registration, crowd flow, etc.
 - Maribel Duarte
 - Rakima Stokes-Little
 - Gary Gray

Workshops Format

- Agenda was reviewed and no revisions were made

Keynote Speaker

- Sam gave brief info on Maurice Coleman, Vice-President for Bank of America's Community Worldwide Gifts; he is a native of Trenton and will tell his inspirational triumph story

Summary of Tasks



- Follow-up with Chris Ritter re: presenter from PPPL
- Nina Melker reaching out to Maureen Lucido from Hyatt to replace her on panel
- Jeanne will reach out to TerraCycle
- Sam will reach out to Jeff Ziegler @ the Marriott
- Continue requesting bios from presenters to include in youth packet
- Continue confirming schools' attendance and arrange transportation; Gary Gray offered to follow-up with Nottingham & Hamilton High West
- Develop mission statement for conference

Announcements: *Career Opportunity Fair @ Trenton Central High School – 2/25/09 [9 am – 12 noon]*
To participate, contact Mary E. Burks at 278-7260 ext. 7553

* **FYI:** Lori Danko will be away 1/7/09 – 1/17/09

- ◆ Meeting adjourned by Gary Gray and Lori Danko

Next Meeting – Wednesday ♦ February 25, 2009 @ 9:00 a.m. [Room 211]