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DeKalb Workforce Development – Youth Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 24, 2016, at 11:30 a.m.

Members Present

Cynthia Edwards, Georgia Piedmont Technical College
Rashida Carter, Goodwill of North Georgia
Kim Childs, DeKalb Chamber of Commerce
Stan Moore, Job Corps/International, Inc.
Lance L. Wise, Urban League of Greater Atlanta Inc.

Members Absent

Dacia Dickey, DeKalb Housing Authority
Claudette Grant, Center for Disease Control
John R. Lenz, A Marketing Agency
Michael Romesburg, CVS Caremark
Trenny Stovall, DeKalb County Child Advocacy

DWD Staff

Latanya Lowery
Elmira Miller

Call to Order/Welcome

Mr. Lance Wise called the meeting to order at 11:57 a.m.

Establishment of a Quorum

Quorum was not established.

Approval of Minutes

Due to the non-establishment of a quorum, no approval could be recommended. Therefore, the minutes will be presented at the April 27, 2016 meeting for approval.

Finance Report

The financial reports were presented to the Youth Committee by Mrs. Lowery.

▪ **January 2016**

The Profit & Loss statement for January 1-31, 2016 showed that the youth budget had a beginning balance of \$2,008,882.47 and an ending balance of \$1,851,452.65.

The January report was distributed to the Youth Committee Members pending need for additional clarification at the meeting.

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Action Items

No action items were discussed at this time.

Comprehensive Case Manager Report:

Mrs. Lowery shared the Comprehensive Case Manager Report with the Youth Committee Members. A report was distributed to the Youth Committee Members pending need for additional clarification at the meeting.

Youth Program Update(s):

- **DWD Work Experience (Rate of Pay/Weekly Hours)**
Mrs. Lowery shared that DWD Work Experience rate of pay is \$8.00 per hour, for up to thirty-two (32) hours per week, for up to an eight (8) week period.
- **GED Passing Score Changes:**
Mrs. Lowery updated the Youth Committee Members on the changes of the GED passing scores. She stated that participants need to score 145 versus 160 in order to pass any subject matter test. With this change, eleven (11) of the Paxen participants have now passed the GED test.
- **3rd Party Youth Vendor Training:**
Mrs. Lowery shared that all 3rd party youth vendors will be attending a mandated training with DWD on February 25, 2016. The training will review eligibility, database managements, performance, standard operating procedures, and the strategic vision for 2016.
- **Towers High School Career Day:**
DeKalb Workforce Development will partner Towers High School on Thursday, March 17, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. to conduct mock interviews. During the mock interviews, the high school seniors will be evaluated on interviewing skills, resume composition, appearance, and their presentation abilities.

On Thursday, April 21, 2016 from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., DeKalb Workforce Development, in conjunction with Commissioner Stan Watson, The Hank Stewart Foundation, and Towers High School, will host the 9th Annual Career Day / Job Fair. The event will be held at Towers High School.

- **I-Shine Ambassador Program:**
In partnership with Hank Stewart, Tommy Ford (Martin Show), DeKalb County, and the DeKalb County School District, DeKalb Workforce Development, is providing adult mentorship to twenty-

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five (25) young men. The mentorship program focuses on media, mentorship and manhood. The requirements for selection for this mentorship opportunity were that the young men had an interest in Film/TV, have been bullied, been a bully, or have been impacted by bullying. During the mentoring program, participants will learn what is needed to be successful in front of and behind the camera. The I-Shine Ambassadors mentoring program have participated in the following activities thus far:

✓ Film Screening to Cas Sigers (Conflict of Interest)

I-Shine Ambassadors attended a private screening and Q&A session with producer/director Cas Sigers. Ms. Sigers shared her experience on how she became interested in film and television. She also shared the details of her journey of success within the Film/TV industry.

✓ Clark Atlanta University – Student Engagement/Mentoring

I-Shine Ambassadors worked with Mass Media Arts students at Clark Atlanta University (CAU). The CAU students shared their experience at the university. The I-Shine Ambassadors were given a tour of the Mass Media Arts Department, which included the radio station WCLK, the filming studio, and various editing/production rooms.

✓ Southwest Atlanta Arts Center – Improve

I-Shine Ambassadors worked with the staff at the Southwest Atlanta Arts Center to learn the difference of acting on a stage versus film/television. I-Shine Ambassadors were given the opportunity to participate in the various improv training sessions.

✓ UPTV site visit/tour

I-Shine Ambassadors visited UpTV and met with various editing and pre/post production staff members. I-Shine Ambassadors were given the opportunity to role play in the various positions needed to make a film/television series successful.

✓ Infinite Scholarship Fair

I-Shine Ambassadors attended the Infinite Scholarship Fair hosted at McNair High School. During the scholarship fair, attendees were afforded the opportunity to meet with several college recruiters. Based upon the attendees' transcript and student involvement, scholarships were available and immediately awarded to encourage post-secondary transition.

▪ State Grants

Mrs. Lowery stated that DeKalb Workforce Development applied for the Go Build Georgia State Incentive Grant on February 16, 2016.

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General Announcements

Mrs. Lowery shared that the U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL) has released a grant opportunity called Beyond Career Pathways for in-school and out-of-school youth. The total grant is for \$20 million; however, USDOL anticipated awarding 10-11 recipients with a grant disbursement ceiling of \$2 million. The eligibility requirements for this grant are that participants have little to no work experience.

Ms. Rashida Carter shared that Goodwill will be relocating their Corporate Headquarter to Lawrenceville Highway. The new location will have the career center, retail store, and a youth program. Ms. Carter share that Goodwill has been awarded a grant from the Gap Inc. that focus on the youth population and the retail industry.

Mrs. Childs shared that the DeKalb Chamber will host the 2016 PAGE STAR Awards Luncheon to honor local STAR Student and STAR Teacher from DeKalb County School District and City Schools of Decatur. The PAGE STAR program honors students who have received the highest SAT scores in DeKalb County. From this elite group, the highest SAT score recipient will be honored at an awards ceremony for the state of Georgia.

Next Scheduled Meeting

The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, April 27, 2016.

Adjournment

Mrs. Cynthia Edwards adjourned the meeting at 12:45p.m.

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