

COORDINATION COMMITTEE

April 14, 2008

Members Present

Hosea Johnson, Chair
Lisa Cerny, GC DHS
Richard Gatewood, Business
Jennifer Mauro, One Stop Admin.
Tracy Sette, NJDHS
Karen Dickel, WIB Staff
Bridget DiGiambattista, WIB Staff

Joe Frattali, WIB Director
Rev. A. Frazier, FBO
Brenda Geist, BRC
Brigitte Satchell, GCC
Ed Smith, Div. Social Svcs.
Eileen Gallo, WIB Staff

Members Absent

Dan Angelucci, DWD
David Brice, GC IT
Becky Corbin, Business
Ed Green, DVR
Michele Hoffman, Business
Barbara Piquet, HSAC
Morris Reichman, NJLWD
Bill Taylor, GC IT
Mary Weidler, NJLWD
David White, GCIT

Mark Boyd, Goodwill Indus.
Greg Cipolla, GC Veterans
Tom Furdyna, GCIT
Eileen Henderson, Ctr. Fam. Svcs.
Christopher McKelvey, NJLWD
Paul Porter, Goodwill Indus.
Angelo Romeo, GC Veterans
Doris Vidal, Ctr. for Family Svcs.
Robert Wetherall, GC Library
Artis Williams, Private

Joe opened the meeting at 8:30 a.m.

Motion to approve March 10, 2008 minutes was made by Lisa Cerny, seconded by Ed Smith.

Thorofare One Stop

TIP – Jennifer reported things continue going well with the program. Currently there are 21 women enrolled.

Case Management – e-time sheets continue going well in Gloucester County. There are only a few vendors that need constant reminding to input. Another reminder letter will be sent to the vendors and if they have any questions, they should contact the One Stop for retraining. If the e-time sheets are not submitted timely, our participation rates are affected.

Data Management – the reports received from the State are getting better. They are still behind on TANF population reporting. Jennifer is working with T. Sette to see if an indication can be given of who is going to be in participation rates the following month as opposed to 2 months ago.

Some changes going into affect in October on how we calculate participation. For instance, in job search, we will calculating hourly as opposed to weekly. There will be leniency with those going to occupational training. Hosea asked Tracy what type of sanctions would there be if we do not make the 50% participation rate required. Tracy replied could be up to \$20 million for the entire State. On Friday, April 25, at Cumberland County College, a Sanctioning Forum will be held to outline the requirements of the new process.

Participation Rates – in the top ¼ of the counties and for February are up to a little over 20%, which is above the State average of 16%.

BRC – Brenda reported she is trying to get forklift seminars scheduled. Hosea stated he'd like to offer small business training, i.e. business plan development, workers comp,

retirement plans, financial assistance. Brenda said the issues remain with scheduling and space. It was suggested maybe using other sites such as Budd Blvd. conference room or even the county library.

Old Business

Update on Summit - Joe reported the Workforce Summit is scheduled for Friday, June 20 at GCIT. Congressman Andrews will do live feed from Washington DC. Dr. Charles Ivory of EIRC will do presentation on K-12 Workforce in Crisis. Panelists are: Stephen M. Sweeney, David Socolow, Henry Plotkin, John Del Viscio, Howard Stoeckel, Jim Kneubuehl, & Russell Davis. Save the Date cards were sent, invitations will be mailed week of May 12th. Eileen & Karen met with Dr. Ivory and have decided to develop some questions, but send the panelists a copy of the presentation a few weeks before the Summit, so they can develop their own questions they would like to be asked. Lisa suggested extending invitation to non-profit transportation providers such as Wounded Healer & for profit transportation agencies.

New Business

Agency Updates

Rev. Frazier – unemployment remains a concern for homeless & recently released inmates. Hiring for construction jobs has ceased. Hosea requested the WIB help focus on trades that welcome to newly released, some of the trades are in the food care industry, i.e dishwashers, food prep.

GCC – Brigitte reported the second round of GED testing took place at the One Stop and correctional facility, still waiting for these test results. GED graduation ceremony will be May 13, 7:00 p.m. Numbers remain steady for literacy at the jail and St. Matt's. Currently have 2 women attending literacy classes at the women's facility.

NJDHS – Tracy reported she is concerned about the new sanction rules. It will be a big learning curve in the county, with a lot of discussion to be about the procedures / regulations.

GC DHS – Lisa reported the senior citizen resident disabled transportation grant, better known as Casino grant took an \$89,000 reduction. There will be a public hearing on May 20th at GCC, she will provide additional info at next meeting.

Div. Social Services – Ed reported with case loads increasing there will be a new start time for interviewing public which will be 8:00 a.m. He asked any referrals that are made, please make sure they make an appointment.

Upcoming Events

April 25	Bankers & Brokers @ Riverwinds
April 26	Chili Cook Off
May 2	'Best of' Awards Ceremony
June 20	Workforce Summit

Motion for adjournment was made.

The next meeting will be held on May 12, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

Bridget A. DiGiambattista, WIB Staff