



Youth Committee Meeting
February 10, 2022 @ 4:00 PM (CT)
561-570-4464; Conference ID: 906 252 083#

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Travis Ephraim called the meeting to order. There was a quorum present.

The following committee members were present by video/phone or in person:

Travis Ephraim, Arthur Obar, Mary McKenzie, Larry Moore,

The following committee members were absent:

Wendy Blair

Others present included:

Richard Williams, Debby Wood, Cheri Gilmore, Tabetha Smith (CSC Staff)

YOUTH OUTREACH EFFORTS / CAREER FAIR

Cheri Gilmore presented on how staff team members are diligently working to increase awareness about youth services in the five-county service delivery area. Staff members are working to schedule visits to all high schools during the months of February and March and will provide information about job opportunities in the area as well as how CSC can provide funding for continuing education (books, tuition, uniforms, fees, transportation assistance, etc.) and offer paid work experience. Through a pilot project, CSC has also been providing work readiness classes during the last few months to the Diversified Career Technology (DCT) students at Sneads and Marianna high schools. This effort is to help the students transition to the world of work and understand the expectations of employers.

TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF) SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM

Debby Woods communicated on CareerSource Chipola (CSC) proposal to offer a summer youth program that focuses on teen pregnancy prevention and will serve youth from middle school through 18 years of age, if still enrolled/attending school. The prevention does not require a full income eligibility determination and does not require the activity to be solely geared toward teen pregnancy prevention. CSC is required to follow the Department of Economic Opportunity procurement requirements for the summer youth program and due to the timeframe required for procurement and implementation, the staff recommendation is to allow CSC staff to move forward with preparations for a summer youth program funded by TANF. **Mary McKenzie made the motion, Larry Moore seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous to approve CSC staff to move forward with preparations for a summer youth program.**

GENERAL DISCUSSION OF YOUTH SERVICES

Richard Williams spoke on wrapping up an in-school project and discussed state waiver requests for in-school youth as well as out-of-school youth. Mr. Williams also touched on possible employment requirements in the future pertaining to child care assistance.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Larry Moore made the motion, Mary McKenzie seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting.