

DRAFT MINUTES
CAREERSOURCE PALM BEACH COUNTY
YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT OUTREACH COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday, April 4, 2024

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER, WELCOME: Alyssa Freeman welcomed attendees and called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. A quorum was present with committee members Alyssa Freeman, Ike Powell, Claudia Kirk Barto, Genifer Johnson, Dr. Barbara Gerlock, Lauren Veit attending and Greg Starling, Dr. Mel Coleman, David Talley, Jennifer Pollack Percival and Jay Boggess absent.

II. AGENDA APPROVAL

a. Proposed Amendments & Approval of Agenda: Alyssa Freeman asked if there were any proposed amendments to the agenda. Hearing none, she called for a motion to vote to approve the agenda.

Motion: Dr. Barbara Gerlock

Second: Ike Powell

The motion passed unanimously.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

IV. ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

a. Approval of Minutes from September 14, 2023: Alyssa Freeman asked the committee to review the minutes and after reviewing them, advise if they wished to make any corrections. Hearing none, she called for a motion to vote to approve the minutes.

Motion: Ike Powell

Second: Claudia Kirk Barto

The motion passed unanimously.

V. INFORMATIONAL

a. Young Adult Program Update: All 5 WIOA primary indicators of performance were met 2 years in a row. Sandra Wright pointed out that the Measurable Skills Gain metric was missed in Quarter 1 PY23 due to serving more in-school youth over the summer because of the 50% waiver. This has since been corrected by implementing a pre and post CASAS assessment to capture Measurable Skills Gains for these youth. Activities include 268 participants served; 93.3% attained credentials; participants served were 100% low income; 80% had no high school diploma; 4% were disabled; 83% had language barriers or were basic skills deficient; 8% were pregnant or parenting and 6% were homeless or foster youth. 60% of the participants served were female; 40% male and 17% Hispanic/Latino; 11% white and 81% black. The Summer Youth Employment program will include three, five-week sessions, paid internships and a 3-day bootcamp. We are braiding Welfare Transition program funds with other funding. Sandra Wright was asked to gather the following information for those who went through our program, how many obtain their GED, a map of where they reside and successes, jobs, military, post-secondary. Claudia Kirk Barto to connect with us to explore opportunities to collaborate around career exploration (JA Career Speaker Series, Career Days and JA Inspire for Middle & High School Students).

b. Success Stories: Destiny Mosley is a single parent who is attending phlebotomy training paid for by CareerSource Palm Beach County. She is interning at Empower Healthcare on a career path to be an EKG Technician. Jacques Jules Dorvil is a Haitian immigrant who has lived in the US less than one year. He interned at Glades Initiative and works at Fun Sweets Company and Uber Eats & Doordash earning \$450 week. His goal is to work as a truck driver at Amazon. Marc Lory is a Haitian immigrant who earned his GED while working at Winn Dixie, has an internship at the Port of Palm Beach and is enrolled in the engineering program at PBSC. Denise Barrera interned at the city of South Bay and is attending IT training at PBSC. She is a member of the Ethical Hackers club at PBSC.

c. Palm Beach County's Birth to 22: Education to Employment Pathways for Disconnected Youth Action Team Updates (Ike Powell): On January 16, 2024, 100 youth, parents and services providers attended the County Youth Services annual task force meeting. The draft Youth Master

Plan for Palm Beach County (YMP2.0) was shared at the meeting and will be published in a few months. Priority areas are mental health/trauma, economic access and educational supports with safety embedded in all three priorities. On April 13 the County will have a tent at the Black Gold Jubilee festival in Belle Glade showcasing their accomplishments and to heighten awareness. May is mental health/trauma month. On May 16 the County Youth Services is holding their annual Get Your Green On campaign with resiliency and healing as the theme. Ike Powell gave a brief overview of the Level Up Menor Program through United Way of PBC, the goal of the program is to match youth with a long-term, positive role model, make referral to community-based services, and equip participants with the necessary tools to self-sufficiency.

- VI. **OPEN DISCUSSION:** The Palm Beach International Boat Show proudly sponsored Careers in the Marine Industry Day attended by 70 students from seven high schools. On April 27, Palm Beach Lakes Community High School and the County Youth Services is hosting the annual youth summit.
- VII. **ADJOURNMENT:** Alyssa Freeman asked if there was any further discussion or questions. Hearing none, the meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for September 19, 2024.