Youth Development Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

April 17th, 2024

5pm-6pm, GOB Room 306

Present  
James Hesen  
Sophia Oberton  
Emily Zerrenner  
Alicia Miller  
Ricky Pollitt  
Thashana McKinney  
Kenisha Le’Cole  
David Thompson  
Tamyra Foreman  
Siddharth Ghosh  
Briana Curtis   
Amber Green  
Logan Dillon- City of Salisbury Liaison   
Zoom  
Naryah Miles  
Amy Steward   
Cheryl Walker  
Tineka Harmon

Opening:

* Logan opened the meeting and welcomed attendees. She distributed copies of the meeting agenda to the Chair and Vice-Chair
* Logan gave updates on last week’s questions
* Logan turned over the meeting to Chair and Vice-Chair to lead

Open Discussion:

* Ricky motioned to approve January minutes; Sophia second the motion
  + All in favor
* Ricky motioned to approve February minutes; Alicia second the motion
* All in favor
* Sophia motioned to approve March minutes; Emily seconded
  + All in favor
* Everyone shared about their past few weeks
  + Ricky- Junior Achievement 18 over 18 programs
  + Alicia- Still looking for LGBTQ+ mentors; she will send out a flyer
  + Kenisha- Looking for sign-ups for Employees against discrimination event; Fenix youth project event
  + Mental Health BBQ at Beaver Run; Wednesday May 1st, 2024
  + Sidd- Tree Planting at Truitt Community Center 9am-4pm; speeches from local representatives
  + Briana- Church April 28th at 3pm
  + Dr. Walker- Event for youth aviation; Ages 8-16; Yes we can event; working on flyer and will send out to the group
  + Tineka- starting youth advisory board for NACCP; education and advocacy; in agriculture summer youth employment
* Briana discussed what happened in the previous meeting
  + Youth activities catalog- catalog for youth activities and events
  + Alicia put it in a google form for everyone
  + Plan is to publish to the city website for access to all
  + Alicia motioned to send out the catalog to community members; Ricky and Sophia seconded the motion
    - All are in favor
* Dr. Amy- community member that has a shared calendar with community event
* Amber- Youth Master Plan- addresses issues we want to work on and deadlines for having things done
  + Other munis. Conducted a survey on community assessments to determine what is on the master plan. Programs are highlighted and promoted.
  + EX. Baltimore
  + Makes sense for a city-wide youth master plan
* Alicia question on how we enforce the YMP
* Amber said we need to research and send it for appointment to the Mayor or recommend to the Mayor and let them know what YDAC is doing
  + Contact city council representative: Angela Blake
* Ricky asked if we could request a new city council representative
  + Ricky is able to contact De’Shaun to move forward with that
* Briana went over the first steps of the Youth Master Plan; members were given handouts or accessed it via email
* Alicia asked to divide it based on members who specialize in certain topics
  + Briana said it was fine, but we will need to collect information first so we can come back to that at the May meeting
  + Amber suggested we establish a task force that meets prior to the next meeting
    - Amber motioned to vote on the task force
    - James second the motion
    - All in favor
  + Wicomico Local management board and each school has plans of improvements and assessments based on parents and students
    - Barrier- 2021-2022 assessment so information is not up to date
    - Task force will research these assessments and bring back digestible information to the committee at the next meeting in May
    - Youth programming needs- WLMB: ask them to send over that assessment for City of Salisbury/Wicomico County
    - Alicia- can find some of the information through her job with the health department for behavioral health
    - Alicia mentioned doing focus groups to find more annac. Information
    - Amber- doing a successful community assessment is hard and comes with an expense. Questioned how we are going to establish and envision. Wanting to recruit youth members
    - Emily- academic librarian so she will take a pass through
  + Next step is determining who is on the task force which can be interchanged in the future depending in expertise
    - Emily Zerrenner
    - Alicia Miller
    - James Hesen
    - Amber Green- DJS and youth homelessness
  + Date for task force to meet: May 8th, 2024 @ 5:00pm virtual
  + Timelines- need to consider members term limits
* Youth Activities Catalog
  + Briana wants to do a promotion and events task force
    - Responsible for actively exploring events and programming in the community
    - Ricky suggested we appoint one person to be the “community outreach” person
    - Amber agreed we don’t need a task force, but we should make time for discussing community events
    - Sophia said she would like to take on the task
    - All second and all are in favor
* Tamika Harmon- correct email has been received from Briana
* Amber- Care not Cages rally- vetoing the fox 45 bill in Annapolis @ 6pm
  + Justice Youth Coalition

**Closing:**

**Motion to close the meeting**

**Next meeting: May 15th, 2024**