



Statesboro Community Youth Network

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Statesboro Youth Commission Meeting Minutes

May 18, 2023 at 6:00pm

Council Chambers - City Hall, Statesboro GA

In attendance: **Kristina (Tina) Patterson, Caitlin Brady, LaShai Campbell, Michelle Lammers, Blake Robinson, Debbie Vives, India James, Lakesha Hill**

City Liaison: LaSara Mitchell

Guests: Christopher Pugh, Aneta Hendrix, Veronica Parrish, McKenna Moore

Youth Organizations in attendance: Village Builders (LaSara); WorkSource Coastal (Veronica and Aneta), Restoring the Breach (LaShai), Boys and Girls Club (McKenna); Manhood Mindset (Christopher)

Kristina Patterson called the meeting to order at 6:05pm. Quorum was not present. (quorum met with arrival of LaShai Campbell and Debbie Vives at 6:10)

Youth Serving Organizations in Statesboro - organizations in attendance were invited to share current programs/challenges

- Goals: Find opportunities for collaboration and mutual support; Hope to make quarterly event
- Village Builders
 - Currently working on: mentorship program; looking to support youth of all ages
 - Structured to provide 1-on-1
 - Want to support youth and families/parents to
 - 60 youth council student (all Bulloch county schools; Sting, home-school, private schools)
 - Youth Connect (Summer 2023); 30 participants
 - Training: May 30th – June 1st
 - Gaps in City: do not have access or do not know about resources
- WorkSource Coastal
 - First program; 16-24 year old youth
 - Summer work source (May 22nd – August 19th) and also year-round program

- Help with resume, mock interview skills
 - Place on job site for career interest; get paid
- Challenges: trying to connect with schools; funding is federal and based on eligibility
- Follow-up with for 2 years after program □ to see if successful
- Second program; 18 and older
 - Can help transfer from school to career path
 - Funding for school; tuition
 - Follow while in school and then once completed school and have job □ follow for 1.5 years
- Area where they need support: connecting to schools and getting in contact with youth they need to serve
- Work with youth who have dropped out of high school and want to get GED; WorkSource Coastal pays for it
 - Support services: transportation, incentives to finish/continue
- Need help: looking for hosts to employ the youth
- Cover: Bulloch, Effingham, Screven county; 10 counties are covered
- Recommendations to get the word out to youth: churches, daycare centers; social media; Statesboro Housing Authority
- Restoring the Breach
 - Tutoring program (September – April); at public library; free
 - Focus on math and English
 - Re-pack your backpack
 - Give away school supplies
 - Teacher Event on July 22nd
 - In conjunction with suitemates Pink Huddle (girls 4-16 year old) and Career Camp (week long program)
- Boys and Girls Club (marketing)
 - Currently working on: CEO recently retired
 - Challenges: re-building teen program; getting youth more involved with Club; re-connecting with community
 - Social and Emotional learning program (put on by Camilla Foundation) = getting youth to communicate and talk about feelings
 - Social Media currently connecting more with donors rather than community youth
 - Ideas: booth at Farmer's market, block party, attending graduations
 - Recommendations: booths at Open House at each school in August
- Core Credit Union; Feed the Boro; Southeast Bulloch Band Boosters (Michelle)
 - Challenges: youth coming in and financial literacy; youth do not understand how to complete forms or impact credit might have
 - Area where they can offer support: have financial literacy program can offer
- Pineland; Safe Haven; Boys and Girls Club; Food Bank Board (Debbie)

- Literacy program
- Dr. Christopher Pugh
 - Experience HIV Counselor; America Reads program
 - Professional speaker; offer mentorship; educational services
 - Family consulting
 - Emotional/behavioral literacy
 - Challenges: literacy rates and behavior issues in school
- GSU SGA (Blake Robinson)
 - Rebuilding connection between GSU students and community
 - Want to build mentorship between GSU students and communities
 - Recommendation: literacy; reading buddies
 - How to make volunteering cool: marketable skills for job market, civic engagement, Wings points, certain # of hours on degree
 - Access to local schools during lunch hours and networking with Principals

Themes: financial literacy

Barriers: youth falling through the cracks; eligibility for some programs; funding

Business for Youth Commission

Pool passes to Luetta Moore

- Motion to sponsor up to 40 pool passes to Luetta Moore Pool for families identified by Bulloch County Schools social workers (Motion: Debbie Vives; Second: LaShai Campbell)

Announcements

Youth Connect and Youth Council; SCYN members invited to meet - 6/1 between 9am-11:30am

Dr. Pugh = therapist license and practicing in Statesboro potentially Summer 2023

Meeting adjourned at 7:31pm; motion by Blake Robinson