



Workforce Development Board  
County of Middlesex

**Youth Advisory Committee Meeting**  
**Thursday, December 10, 2020 10:00am**  
**(Meeting held via Zoom)**

**Present:** Sherri Goldberg, Ushindi Lewis, Anaria Meza, Rosella Roman, Evelyn Rosa, Jill Schiff, Naomi Vliet

**Guests:** Yarelis Figueroa, Lisa Haskins, John Miller, Martin Schamberger,

**Staff:** Janice Alexander, Sandra Ciccone, Juan DeJesus

**I. Welcome and Introductions of Committee Members**

Ushindi Lewis, Vice Chairperson for the Youth Advisory Committee, began the meeting with the introduction of all present members and guests.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

Evelyn Rosa motioned to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2020 YAC meeting as distributed previously by email and Anari Meza seconded. The vote was called and the motion passed to approve the minutes as written.

**III. Update of MCOWD Entry Level Internship Training & Employment (E.L.I.T.E)**

- As June 30, 2020 there was 79 enrollments in the youth program.
- The youth department has been providing virtual online services.
- The youth staff only work one day per week in the office.

**Future virtual YAC meetings**

- The YAC members were asked for recommendation on time and date of future virtual YAC meetings.

**IV. Guest Speakers**

**John Miller, Advanced Manufacturing Pre- Apprenticeship Boot Camp, Middlesex County College**

- Apprenticeships offer alternative paths to job skills. On the job learning allowing individuals to gain practical job experience.
- Extremely in demand industry.

- Industry projected to grow nine percent by 2026.
- Is an online self-paced program which can be accessed 24/7.
- Courses: Basics of Manufacturing - Shop Rules, Safety (OSHA), Product Quality. Units of Measurements, Math Fundamentals, and Troubleshooting Mechanical Systems.
- On the job training.
- Prepare students for future advanced training.
- Eligibility requirements: 18 years or older, valid driver license or state ID, drug free, High School Diploma or High School Equivalency(HSE)
- Info Sessions are every month on the second Tuesday at 10:00am
- Register for meeting: <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYuduqqpzogGdVr24-JrzuAstxhWibXDSiV>
- 91% of participants are likely to remain employed with a company after their training program ends.
- Average starting salary for apprentices is \$50,000.

**Lisa Haskins, NJ Health Works Grant Apprenticeship, Middlesex County College**

- Apprentices are paid employees.
- On the job and classroom learning.
- Mentorship
- Credentials
- Current Apprenticeships: Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA), Patient Care Technician (PCT), Community Health Worker (CHW), and Pharmacy Technician.
- Future Apprenticeships: Certified Medical Assistant (CMA) and Medical Billing and Coding.
- Eligible individual: Unemployed, low income employee, disabled, and other special categories.
- Register: <https://www.jotform.com/build/202735376215151>
- Classes: Monday – Friday from 9:00am – 12 noon. 15 sessions; 45 hours

**VI. Committee Member Announcements/Updates**

- Family Support Organization of Middlesex County will be sponsoring a zoom event called Relationships, Disability and Youth: Talking with youth about intimacy and relationships on December 12, 2020
- New legislation expanding access to professional and occupational licenses  
<https://nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/approved/20200901c.shtml#:~:text=TRENTON%20%E2%80%93%20Governor%20Phil%20Murphy%20today,all%20other%20requirements%20for%20licensure.>

**The next meeting of the Youth Advisory Committee is Tuesday, March 23, 2021.**