



Weed & Seed Youth Committee Meeting
GVSU CJ Grants Office – 638 West Fulton
Wednesday, April 29, 2009
12:00PM-1:00PM

Meeting Minutes

- 1) Call to Order/Introductions
 - Those in attendance: Kristine Jaros, Lynnell Talbert, Pamela Benjamin, Aaron Stevens, Sgt. Elliott Bargas, Pearl Banks, Sandra Latham, Tina Kilgore, Shannon Harris
- 2) Other Updates
 - Anneshia's LTB program is running at both the Hispanic Center and Urban Family Ministries currently. New sessions sponsored by W&S will start at Urban Family Ministries on June 4th at 6pm.
 - Shannon shared the history of KidsSpeak and the 2009 topic (We need jobs too!). She also discussed that there would be upcoming community forums that they would need youth to attend and provide feedback. This is in relation to the Ready by 21 model (work, college, life)
- 3) Random Acts of Kindness (Tina):
 - Foundation cannot work with us but we can use their ideas and website as a resource.
 - Our RAK day is Saturday, June 20th
 - Marques and Tina to bring a t-shirt draft and flyer draft to next meeting for feedback from group. They will need 100 shirts.
 - Marques and Tina to also work on recruiting letter for groups to participate.
 - Kristine to contact Tina to see how she can assist.
- 4) Career Fair:
 - Marian has stepped down as chair of this committee due to time constraints. The group decided that due to limited resources (volunteers) we would focus on networking with organizations to obtain youth jobs such as we did last year and cancel the career fair. In addition, career options would be shared at the teen summit.
 - Group discussed possible replacement activities such as a job shadow day, tours of job corp, tours of m-tech
 - The group shared a lot of concern about job availability for those at risk youth they are working with.
 - Tina expressed concern about Project COOL and Jubilee Jobs being “Weed & Seed” partners but not allowing youth with less than a cumulative 2.5 GPA apply for jobs even if they were now doing better in school and had letters of recommendation.
 - Kristine committed to contacting Project COOL and Jubilee Jobs.
- 5) Teen Summit (Pamela):
 - In Fall 2009
 - Keynote speaker – working on this
- 6) Next Meeting
 - Tuesday, May 12th, 12-1pm. GVSU CJ Grants Office - 638 West Fulton