

## YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

### Freudenberg-NOK

One NOK Drive, Cleveland, GA 30528

October 19, 2017

#### Attendees:

##### Members

Shelby Ward  
Crain Scott  
Rita Holmes

##### Staff

Jessica Williams  
Sonia Zavala  
Shameka Harrison  
Angela Pugh  
Ebony Tucker

##### Guest

Jim Watson  
Dorreka Faulkner  
Michael Fisher  
Rhonda McLane

Committee Members met at Freudenberg-NOK for the Youth Committee Meeting. Members were given a Freudenberg-NOK presentation and tour of the facility.

#### Meeting Called to Order:

Youth Services Supervisor, Jessica Williams, called the meeting to order, and welcomed everyone in attendance.

#### Program Updates:

##### New Out of School Initiative:

Shameka Harrison, Youth Program Assistant, gave an update on the new Out of School Initiative (NOSI). The NOSI's proposed name is A-Boat Time. The Youth Department will be partnering with Lanier Career Academy (LCA) and Lanier Technical College on this initiative. A-Boat Time will be a pilot program that will serve 5-10 students. These students will learn how to repair boats and will entrepreneurship and financial skills, as well as a mechanical certification. This program will be in conjunction with Credit Recovery Program and GED. In a previous meeting with Will Schofield, Hall County Superintendent, he suggested LCA be used for the program. Hall County Schools' Board will have to approve the use of the building. The projected kickoff date for this pilot program will be June 2018.

##### Regional Quarterly Workshop:

Shameka Harrison updated the Youth Committee Members on the first quarterly regional workshop. The workshop, The Pursuit of Entrepreneurship, focused on becoming a business owner, and the ability to market oneself when searching for a job. The workshop was presented using the movie, *The Pursuit of Happiness*. Participants were allotted time to create their own business plan. There was great feedback on the workshop. The next workshop will be the December 1, 2017. This regional workshop is designated for Hart, Stephens and Habersham Counties, however participants from other areas are welcome.

### **SHIFT:**

Independent Living Mentor, Angela Pugh updated the Youth Committee Members on the SHIFT Program. The Youth Department partnered with Goodwill of North Georgia, Hall County Youth Court, and Department of Juvenile Justice for this program. The program is designed to provide work experience and teach soft skills through Goodwill. There are currently two youth in the program. The key is recognizing success in unusual ways. One youth is not doing “well” in the program, but since he has been in the program, he has not been incarcerated. This is considered unusual success. The other youth is on track to becoming employed. Angela is seeking a math and science tutor for the youth. Tutor will be compensated.

### **Youth Conference:**

Senior Case Manager, Ebony Tucker spoke on the Annual Youth Conference. The conference is set for June 8, 2018. The Youth Department is looking to the Youth Committee Board Members to donate door prizes, and give suggestions for workshop topics. For recruitment purposes, Ebony is speaking to Boys and Girls Clubs, high schools, Housing Authority and places that have programs for teens and young adults. A goal is to have four employers set up at the conference and to have 100 youth/young adults in attendance.

### **Old Business:**

#### **Review and Approval of Minutes:**

Minutes from August 24, 2017 meeting were approved. Scott Crain motioned to approve minutes, Shelby Ward seconded, and motion carried.

#### **Future Meetings:**

February 1, 2018- TBD

#### **Adjournment:**

Meeting adjourned by Jessica Williams, seconded by several