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MEETING:	DESC Program Services Committee Meeting	DATE:	November 13, 2024
ATTENDEES:	DESC Committee / Board Members: Alice Thompson, Terri Weems, Lena Barkley DESC Staff: Stephanie Nixon, Misty Evans, Dana Williams, Sara Azu, Rachel May, Patrice Wright, Robert Shimkoski, Ericka Page, Chauncey Samuel	LOCATION:	DESC Corporate Offices 115 Erskine, 2nd Fl Detroit, MI 48201
		CALLED TO ORDER:	10:11 a.m.
ABSENT:	Excused: None Unexcused: None	ADJOURNED:	11:00 a.m.
PUBLIC ATTENDEES:			
FACILITATOR:	Alice Thompson, Board Secretary and Committee Chairperson	DATE MINUTES APPROVED/ADOPTED:	

ITEM	DISCUSSION	OUTCOME/ACTION ITEM(S)
I. Welcome & Introductions	Alice Thompson, Board Chair and Committee Chairperson, called the meeting to order	
II. Agenda Approval / Minutes	Ms. Thompson asked for approval of the agenda for the November 13, 2024 meeting: Motion: Lena Barkley Seconded: Terri Weems Motion Carried – Approved Unanimously Ms. Thompson asked for approval of the Minutes for the August 7, 2024 meeting: Motion: Terri Weems Seconded: Lena Barkley Motion Carried – Approved Unanimously	
III. Chairperson Update	Ms. Thompson stated that there are seasons in the type of work that we do and that we all have been anointed to do this work.	
IV. Presentation: ARPA Funded Programs Review	Stephanie Nixon began the presentation by detailing the 4 training programs under ARPA, she then provided some outcomes from each program: Jumpstart <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1800+ enrolled • Representative of our most intensive customers with the greatest number of employment barriers • Interaction of stipends and public benefits 	



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expansion of innovations in career readiness • Opportunity to spread the messages of our system via community-based organizations • Evolution of technical assistance with our IDOs <p>Skills For Life</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 400+ successfully completed • 130+ participants stayed on with the city • Post-program wages of \$18/hr+ • Most successful participants were those with more life experience • Embedded more intensive career readiness to address behavioral employment barriers <p>Learn To Earn</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 500+ academic achievements • Partnership with DPSCD yielded the largest # of GEDs • Relationships with higher education institutions like WCCCD and Wayne State University are critical to program capacity • Incentivizing achievement vs. participation <p>Stephanie then presented number outcomes for Skills Gain, GED, Job Training, Credentials and Employment for each program.</p> <p>Lastly, Stephanie presented photos and success stories of participants.</p> <p>Committee discussion ensued</p>	
<p>V. Presentation: GDYT Update</p>	<p>Misty Evans began by presenting some historical data from the past 8 years of the program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth placed, Funds raised and number of community partners over the last 5 years • Current year placement numbers (8,643) • Provided a breakdown of the different types of partners that made that number possible for us this year • Provided a chart showing the <u>placements</u> over the last 8 years, including the numbers during the pandemic when we pivoted to virtual work experiences • Provided a chart showing the <u>credentials earned</u> over the last 8 years, including the numbers during the pandemic when we pivoted to virtual work experiences • Provided a chart showing the number of youths with disabilities that have been placed over the last 8 years • Provided a chart showing the number of permanent placements over the last 8 years • Listed City Department and Council Member Worksites as well as other notable partners • Provided pictures highlighting youth at work within the program • Provided a glimpse of the 2025 GDYT Goals 	

	Committee discussion ensued	
VI. Public Comments	No public present	
VII. Adjournment	Ms. Thompson adjourned the meeting.	

DRAFT SUBMITTED BY:

Printed Name: Patrice Wright

Title: Executive Administrative Assistant

Signature: /s/ Patrice Wright

Date: _____

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Initials: _____

NEXT MEETING:

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