

Finger Lakes Workforce Investment Board
YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Finger Lakes WIB Office
41 Lewis Street, Geneva, NY 14456
Monday, May 4, 2009

ATTENDANCE: **Members:** Bob Doeblin, Chair; Sarah Rowe; Barb Delpriore; Colleen Combs; Patty D'Amico; Brian Young, Kathy Templar; Bill Niver; Chris Edgar; Peg Birmingham
Staff: Sherri Shoff, Youth Systems Coordinator; Karen Springmeier, Executive Director
Guests: Terri Trickey, Loree Martin; Nathalie Sigler; Cathy Jinks; Angel Cook

ABSENT: **Members:**, Anne Smith, Bianca Thomas, Nicole Goodwine, Susan (Boyce) Acquisto, Victor Nelson, Alice Haskins, Kevin Spillane, Zulieika Rodriguez ; Pat Pavelsky; Fabriela Rivera; John Mueller; Sierra Derr

Mr. Doeblin called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm. Introductions were made.

Due to a lack of a quorum, approval of the September, November and January minutes were done as a committee of the whole. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Peg Birmingham, second by Sarah Rowe. Motion approved.

GUEST PRESENTATION: there was not a formal guest presentation this month due to having to discuss the year round and summer stimulus proposals.

ANNOUNCEMENTS and DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. Year round and Summer Stimulus RFP discussion: First discussion was on the Year round RFP. There was one proposal received from the Partnership of Ontario, Wayne, Seneca and Yates Counties and FLACRA as a five member partner. The Performance and Evaluation Committee met on April 16th to review the proposal. There is not enough funding to support the requests as submitted. Brian Young stated that they had come in below the figure that was in the RFP. At this time we do not have the allocations for PY09 and the amount stated in the RFP did not take into account the program costs for the WIB. The Committee would like to see 2 strategies from each county for improving the Literacy and Numeracy gains. These are to be submitted by Friday. The Committee made the recommendation to award the RFP to the partnership with the understanding that they would have to re-do their submitted budgets. Chris Edgar made the motion to award the contract to the Partnership, Patti D'Amico seconded the motion. The following members abstained from voting: Brian Young, Bill Niver, Kathy Templar and Peg Birmingham. Motion approved. Summer Stimulus discussion: Sherri Shoff reported that there was an RFP issued for the separate Summer Stimulus funding under ARRA. The Performance and Evaluation Committee met and reviewed the proposals. There were proposals submitted from the following: Ontario County, Seneca County, Wayne County, Yates County and The Young Entrepreneurs Academy. The P&E Committee made the recommendation not to fund the Young Entrepreneurs Academy because of high cost per participant and the overall concern that the program would have difficulty serving the number of youth in their proposal. Patti D'Amico did ask that Seneca County relook at their proposed budget and increase the number of youth they are planning to serve to bring the cost per participant more in line with the other counties. Peg Birmingham stated she would be willing to redo her budget. Patti D'Amico wanted to go on record that the Youth Council should not lose sight of how important offering some level of Entrepreneurial training is and that the Council should continue to look at ways to assist the youth that are interested in that type of training. Chris Edgar made the motion to award the ARRA Summer Stimulus contract to Ontario County, Wayne County, Seneca County and Yates County. Barb Delpriore seconded. The following members abstained: Brian Young, Peg Birmingham and Kathy Templar. Motion carried. The four counties will continue to work on fine tuning their individual budgets as is there will now be unallocated dollars. The request was made that any additional funding be allocated only to participant wage and fringe for the summer.
- b. Update on TFA day: Sherri Shoff reported that were approximately 160 students and close to 30 school personnel that attended the event. This is the last year of the New Fusion grant that has supported this event. The event committee sees the importance and value to this event and will be looking at some other funding options to be able to continue this in the future. Sherri and Brian Young thanked the Youth Council membership for their support and for volunteering.
- c. Update on Finger Lakes Works with their Hands: the planning for the event is well under way with the date scheduled for October 1, 2009.

SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATES

- a. **Performance and Evaluation:** covered in the discussion of the RFP and program recommendations.
- b. **Marketing/Website:** Sherri asked for any feedback anyone may have now that the new website design has been "live" for a few months now. Bob Doeblin reported out that he has heard a few comments about not being able to find the help wanted ads as easily now. Karen Springmeier commented that the Marketing Committee of the WIB had asked for fewer word documents being posted on the website and that all job seekers are now referred to the AJB. Often times the help wanted ads that were done by the individual counties were duplicative and not always updated in a timely manner. The counties still have the job postings available and Karen did indicate that if there is a need to put them back on the website in that format that we can consider it.
- c. **Youth Focus Group:** the group did not meet in April but there is a meeting scheduled for June 1. Barb Delpriore stated that some of the Youth are still interested in opening a business. Bob Doeblin stated that the Geneva Little League cannot find anyone to operate the concession stand and could that ever be a project for the Youth? Peg Birmingham stated that some youth on the south end of

Seneca Cunt have expressed an interested in opening a Pizza parlor. There are lots of ideas for the youth to pursue.

- d. **Revenue Streams:** Both the Start Here for a High Tech Career and the Internship grants have been renewed to allow for additional youth programming through the WIB.
- e. **Membership:** results of the survey were reviewed. The results indicate that the majority of those who responded want the meetings to continue to be on Monday but with a proposed time change to 4pm. Both Patti D'Amico and Sarah Rowe offered to look at the past year's attendance to gather more data. The bigger question is if we change the time of the meeting will people who haven't been attending start to attend?

UPCOMING EVENTS

- a. Youth achievement presentation to the WIB: September 16, 2009 (tentative)
- b. Finger Lakes Works with their Hands: October 1, 2009

NEXT MEETING: Monday September 14th (NOTE DATE) 4:00pm (NOTE TIME) Meeting Room B, Finger Lakes Workforce Investment Board.

Patti D'Amico made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Colleen Combs. All in favor.
Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sherril Shoff
Youth Systems Coordinator