

YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDANCE: **Members:** Jessica Bacher, Peg Birmingham, Patty D'Amico, Barb Delpriore, Chris Edgar, Sarah Rowe, Johnny Robinson, Kathy Swartout, Brian Young
Staff: Pat Gopen, Youth Systems Coordinator
Guests: Loree Martin, Terri Carlson, Amberly Stryker, Heaven Hotelling

ABSENT: **Members:** Menzo Case, Chair, John Mueller, Jocelyn VanGelder, Colleen Combs, Karen Beals, Kathy Templar, Brandon Mead, Pat Pavelski, Sonia Frederick, Beth Thomas, Lynn Freid, Lori Greene, Susan Acquisto, Cortni Palmer

CALL TO ORDER / INTRODUCTIONS: In Mr. Case' absence, Ms. Gopen called the meeting to order at 4:05pm. Introductions of youth guests were made.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes from January 2011 meeting approved. Motion to approve by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr.Young. All in favor. motion carried.

YOUTH PROGRAM UPDATE:

- A. Brian Young provided an update on the Youth OJT and ITAs. Mr. Young reported that youth staff have increased Individual Training Account enrollments and are working with respective Business Service Reps to identify opportunities for youth OJT placements.
- B. Ms. Gopen reiterated that WIA Youth Programming performance outcomes have been very good with the Literacy/Numeracy scores being the biggest concern of the state. Youth staff are reviewing OSOS reports to address any data entry omissions and update Lit/Num testing and scores with their youth participants.
- C. Ms. Gopen reported that Ms. Cunningham continues to coordinate the Finger Lakes Internship Program and has been attempting to facilitate as many student internships as possible before the expiration of the grant on May 31, 2011.
- D. Ms. Gopen reported that the 6th Annual **Finger Lakes Works...with their hands!** skilled trades and advanced manufacturing event is scheduled for October 6, 2011 at the Ralph Lott and Son Farms in Seneca Falls and that the Steering Committee has begun monthly planning meetings in preparation for the event.

SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATES:

- a. **Performance and Evaluation Committee:** Chris Edgar reported that the Performance and Evaluation Committee hosted a WIA Youth Program PY2011 Bidders Conference on March 1, 2011 that was attended by 12 people representing 9 organizations. Questions and answers covered during the Bidders Conference were posted on the FLWIB website. The committee will receive proposals up until Friday, March 25 at 4:00pm. Complete proposals will be reviewed by the committee and recommendations for funding will be presented to the full Youth Council for approval at the next meeting, scheduled for Monday, May 2, 2011.
- b. **Membership Committee:** Chairperson Sarah Rowe reported that invitations have gone out to prospective Juvenile Justice and Public Housing representatives to attend our next scheduled meeting. These are the two currently deficient membership areas in our Youth Council. Additionally, two new guests at the meeting are potential YC youth members
- c. **Marketing Committee:** This committee has not met since our last YC meeting. Peg Birmingham will be scheduling a meeting of this committee under advisement from Chairperson Case. There was discussion about reviewing the Strategic Plan and the marketing discussion items of past Youth Council meetings to determine marketing priorities. There was also mention of an Ad Council grant that may be of value to the Youth Council marketing effort. Ms. Birmingham will research that opportunity.

ANNOUNCEMENTS /DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Johnny Robinson brought up the discussion item of the problems with young people abusing over-the-counter energy/alcoholic drinks and the lack of information available on these products. It was suggested that a possible future speaker for a Youth Council

meeting be a representative from a local organization such as the Seneca County Task Force/Council on Alcoholism/Drug Free Community to discuss the use of over-the-counter energy/alcoholic beverages by youth. Also suggested for speaking was a representative from the African American Men's Association to discuss their organization's Mentoring Program,

UPCOMING EVENTS/ROUND TABLE:

Various upcoming events were announced by council members:

- Kathy Swartout reported on the upcoming annual Youth SpeakOut event scheduled for March 31 at Keuka College. This year's theme is 'Bullying Prevention.' Over 150 area 9th, 10th and 11th graders will be in attendance
- Terry Carlson reported on the new Youth Forums being conducted by Ontario County Workforce staff to solicit input from WIA youth participants for developing and improving youth services.

ADJOURNMENT: Adjournment at 5:00

NEXT MEETING: *Monday, May 2, 2011 in Conference Room B, Finger Lakes Workforce Investment Board, 41 Lewis Street, Geneva, 4:00-5:00pm.

*Please try and attend this very important Youth Council meeting. There will be a presentation from the Youth Council Performance & Evaluation Committee and vote on approval of their recommendations for the allocation of PY2011 WIA Youth Funding.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pat Gopen, Youth Systems Coordinator