

Finger Lakes Workforce Investment Board
YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Finger Lakes Workforce Investment Board
41 Lewis Street, Geneva, NY 14456
Monday, January 7, 2013

ATTENDANCE: **Members:** Menzo Case, Chair, Brian Young, Sarah Rowe, Colleen Combs, Kathy Templar, Patty D'Amico, Eileen Rucinski, Erika Martin, Chris Edgar, John Mueller, Christy Wentz, John Donohue, Betsy Russell-Orr, Karina Anderson, Johnny Robinson
Staff: Pat Gopen, Youth Systems Coordinator

Guests: Angel Cook, Marsha Foote, Cathy Jinks, Deb McGrimley

ABSENT: **Members:** Karen Beals, Matt Graney, Barb Delpriore, Brandon Mead, Marisa Pennetta, Peg Birmingham, Valerie Mallard, Chris Kear

CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS: Mr. Case called the meeting to order at 4:00pm. The Youth Council introduced guest speaker and new member, Christy Wentz of JobCorps

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes from November 7, 2012 meeting approved. Motion to approve by John Mueller, second by Johnny Robinson. All in favor, motion carried.

Guest Speaker: Scheduled Guest Speaker Christy Wentz, WNY Outreach & Admissions Counselor of CHP International/JobCorps presented on the local JobCorps program. Christy's two sons are successful JobCorps graduates so she has first-hand knowledge of the program's benefits. She is based in Rochester and is looking forward to a renewed partnership with our Youth Counselors and other One Stop staff as she serves our 4 county, Finger Lakes system. JobCorps is an alternative to traditional high school and provides training to youth in a variety of career skills and credentials. For more information on JobCorps see their website <http://www.jobcorps.gov> or contact Christy at wentz.christina@jobcorps.org

YOUTH PROGRAMS UPDATE:

- Youth Counselor Marsha Foote (Ontario County Workforce Development) shared her 'Trend Alert' as a concern regarding young people's substitution of electronic communication for face-to-face interaction. This observation initiated discussion and generated valuable sharing of information amongst council members.
- Ms. Gopen discussed WIA Program Common Measures results from 1st Quarter of program year 2012. WIA Youth Program performance for the 1st Quarter is strong with 'Entered Employment or Education' and "Attained a Degree or Certificate' above goals and the challenging Literacy/Numeracy measure nearing the goal with increased attention. Ms. Gopen noted that new DOL the management reporting system is helpful for being proactive in attaining performance goals.
- Ms. Gopen provided an update on the substantial WIA Youth Program funding available for Individual Training Accounts. Partner FLCC and the FLWIB are working together to develop a certificate training program of the core competencies for entry-level advanced manufacturing jobs.
- Ms. Gopen reported on FLWIB Marketing initiative, Skills2Compete and proposed HealthCare panel to be presented to FL high school counselors at WFLBOCES in spring.

Committee Reports:

Membership Committee: Current vacancies are two WIB member representatives; Business and Education. The committee welcomed new member Christy Wentz (JobCorps) as a new Youth Council member and also Membership Committee volunteer Erika Martin also volunteered to join the Membership Committee.

Performance & Evaluation Committee: Prospective new Youth member, Karina Anderson expressed an interest in joining the Youth Council's Performance & Evaluation sub-committee once her application is approved at the January FLWIB meeting.

A round table discussion was held regarding various upcoming events and announcements.

- Youth Council Chair and Generations Bank CEO announced the planned growth of Generations Bank to 10 branches, and the acquisition of a large new facility in Seneca Falls that will be reconfigured for bank administrative offices, a conference/training room, and a business incubator/café. Mr. Case announced an opportunity for youth to submit business plan proposals for the café and to devise and manage the business with the bank's funding. Mr. Case also spoke about Generations Bank re-instituting the Wheels-To-Work program in partnership with Seneca County. The Wheels-To-Work program provides vehicle loans to low-income, working folks. Also announced was a 4 unit, temporary housing development for working young women in need of financial support. Various Youth Council members expressed interest and praise for Mr. Case's community efforts and suggested referrals for such opportunities.
- The FLWIB Healthcare Alliance Career Exploration Day for high school 9th and 10th graders is scheduled for Wednesday, March 20, 2013. The event is geared to youth who are interested in learning more about current and emerging careers in Human Services and Healthcare.
- The FAME Finger Lakes Advanced Manufacturer's Enterprise is sponsoring an event at MCC on January 17, 2013 entitled College and Career Ready- How new requirements in schools will impact YOUR future workforce! Featuring Dr. Willard Daggett, Founder of the International Center for Leadership in Education. See website www.nyfame.org for further info.

The January Youth Council meeting was adjourned at 5:30pm.

The next Youth Council meeting will be held on Monday, March 11, 2013 in Conference Room B, Finger Lakes Workforce Investment Board, 41 Lewis Street, Geneva, 4:00-5:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pat Gopen, Youth Systems Coordinator