

## YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Finger Lakes Workforce Investment Board

41 Lewis Street, Geneva, NY 14456

Monday, September 9, 2013

**ATTENDANCE:** **Members:** Menzo Case, Brian Young, Karen Beals, Barb Delpriore, Sarah Rowe, Eileen Rucinski, Erika Martin, Chris Edgar, John Mueller, John Donohue, Christy Wentz  
**Staff:** Pat Gopen, Dinah Brennan  
**Guests:** Angel Cook, Marsha Foote, Deb McGrimley, Loree Martin, Terri Carlson, Kathy Templar

**ABSENT:** **Members:** Patty D'Amico, Betsy Russell-Orr, Brandon Mead, Marisa Pennetta, Peg Birmingham, Valerie Mallard, Chris Kear, Johnny Robinson, Karina Anderson, Tom Facer

**CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS:** The meeting was called to order at 4:03pm. Introductions were made.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes from May 6, 2013 meeting approved.

**TREND ALERT:** Ontario County Senior Counselor, Terri Carlson, distributed an informational sheet about the new high school equivalency programs and exams. The Test Assessing Secondary Completion (TASC) will replace the GED and the Career Development & Occupational Studies (CDOS) will replace the IEP certificates as of January 1, 2014. Major differences between the past GED and the new TASC high school equivalency programs are; the cost will go from \$60/test to \$120/test, the TASC will be more academically challenging and the five test parts must be passed at one time instead of being able to retake certain parts at a separate time. Discussion ensued, with comments from Ms. Cook, Mr. Donahue and Ms. Wentz regarding details of this change. Mr. Edgar noted a website ([www.CTB.com/TASC](http://www.CTB.com/TASC)) with sample questions of the new TASC.

**Guest Speaker:** A 2010 WIA Youth Success story, Dikeedrin Tyler-Flores from Yates County was the guest speaker. Dikeedrin enrolled in WIA Youth Services 3 years ago and with the assistance of his counselor, Loree Martin, has achieved much success both personally and professionally. He completed his CNA a few years ago, obtaining and maintaining a job with FLWIB partner Finger Lakes Health ever since then. He is now enrolled in the Mary S. Whelan School of Nursing LPN program- with hopes of continuing onto an RN degree. Dikeedrin isn't planning on stopping anytime soon. He is driven to get his Bachelors in Science and Nursing.

### YOUTH PROGRAMS UPDATE:

- Ms. Gopen noted that all four performance goals were met for the Program Year 2012 (PY'12). TASC will play a role in reaching the performance goals for PY'13, but there are hopes that there will be more discussion regarding this on the state level.
- **Finger Lakes Works...with their hands!** – the planning and preparations for 8<sup>th</sup> annual event are in full swing. Ms. Gopen noted that this is a very well-received event, and has many supporters. There are over 750 students registered, from every school district in the four county region- including a few from outside the area. Volunteers are still needed.
- A panel discussion will be held in November for Finger Lakes Guidance Counselors on IT/Tech Middle Skills careers and training. This will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> panel held (previously, Advanced Manufacturing and Healthcare) and a 4<sup>th</sup> will be held in the spring for Skilled Trade Careers.

### Committee Updates

- Ms. Rowe noted that there are 3 vacancies on the Youth Council. Discussion regarding filling these positions was had and will be determined in the near future.

- Mr. Edgar discussed the process of RFP's for funding will begin in early November. They will need to be ready by February 2014. RFP's will be brought to the Youth Council on May 5<sup>th</sup> for approval. Then brought to the full WIB next fall. Anyone who would like to help, as part of the Performance and Evaluation Committee for Youth Council, is welcome to contact Mr. Edgar.

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

- Mr. Case discussed the Affordable Transportation Program that Generations Bank has been working with Workforce Development on in Seneca County. Currently there have been three candidates to receive a car through this program. This program is similar to the now-defunct, 'Wheels to Work' program and will begin to fund itself through recurring interest funds.
- Mr. Case noted a project through Generations Bank to provide transitional housing in Waterloo for women with children. This is in conjunction with the Cayuga-Seneca Community Action Agency.
- Mr. Mueller noted that the annual "Fun on the Farm" event will take place at El-Vi Farms in Newark, NY on September 21, 2013.  
For additional info see <https://www.facebook.com/events/377252455730204/>
- Ms. Wentz discussed the NYSDOL freeze that was put on JobCorps earlier in the year. The agency was completely shut down but was fortunate enough to re-open in April with the main downfalls including a decrease in beds, as well as a much longer wait list time (There is no wait time for female's applicants).

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10pm.

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dinah Brennan  
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