

YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Finger Lakes Workforce Investment Board

41 Lewis Street, Geneva, NY 14456

Monday, March 3, 2014

ATTENDANCE: **Members:** Karen Beals, Eileen Rucinski, Erika Martin, Chris Edgar, Patty D'Amico, Betsy Russell-Orr, Eric Israel, Kathy Templar, John Mueller

Staff: Pat Gopen, Dinah Brennan

Guests: Marsha Foote, Loree Martin, Deb McGrimley, Angel Cook

ABSENT: **Members:** Menzo Case, Karina Anderson, Brandon Mead, Marisa Pennetta, Valerie Mallard, Chris Kear, Johnny Robinson, Tom Facer, Christy Wentz, Tim Bailey, Brian Young, John Donahue

CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS: The meeting was called to order at 4:07pm. Ms. Gopen noted that Tim Bailey was approved by the board in a resolution to appoint him as a youth representative on the council. Tim was not able to attend the meeting because he has a new job! There is also a potential youth from Yates County interested in joining the council.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mr. Mueller motioned to approve the January minutes as written, seconded by Ms. Rucinski. All in favor, motion carried.

Guest Speaker: Eric Israel did a presentation on the Explorers Program. This program allows for youth to get hands-on experience in different fields with area employers. For more information please contact Eric Israel, Seneca Waterways Council, BSA/The Explorers Program, or visit their website:
<http://www.senecawaterways.org/>.

TREND ALERT: Marsha Foote, Ontario County Youth Counselor, gave a presentation on a new program titled "Girls Circle". This program is a part of the One Circle Foundation (www.onecirclefoundation.org). Ms. Foote is a facilitator and recently facilitated this 10 week program with a small group of girls at Geneva High School. This brought the students together and helps young women develop self-esteem in spite of their individual challenges. For more information contact Marsha Foote at Finger Lakes Works – Geneva.

Committee Updates

- As noted prior, Tim Bailey was approved by the board in a resolution to appoint him as a youth representative on the council. There is a potential youth from Yates County interested in joining the council.
- Mr. Edgar, chair of the Performance & Evaluation committee, noted that the Bidder's Conference was held this morning (3/3/14). PY14 WIA Youth Program proposals are due to the FLWIB by March 24, 2014 at 4pm.

YOUTH PROGRAMS UPDATE:

- Ms. Gopen noted that the WIA Program Year 2013 (PY13) goals are being met and surpassed. Ms. Cook projected that all of the youth program goals will be met by the end of Program Year 2013 (PY13.)e
- The Healthcare Alliance of the Finger Lakes will be holding their 3rd annual Healthcare Career Day on Wednesday, March 19, 2014 for high school 9th and 10th graders. There will be workshops and exhibitors.
- The "I Love the Finger Lakes" Career Expo will be held on April 24th from 1-4pm at FLCC.

- An Educator/Employer panel discussion will be held Friday, April 11th for Finger Lakes Guidance Counselors. This will be the 4th panel of the series (previous industries represented were Advanced Manufacturing, Healthcare, and IT/Computer Science), the April career field is engineering.

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

- Ms. Rucinski noted the FAME is having a Middle Skills Day on April 4th at the Williamson BOCES Campus. MCC's High Tech Career Night will be on March 19th.
- Discussion about the changing of probation laws for youth.

Meeting Adjourned.

The next Youth Council meeting will be held on Monday, May 5, 2014 in Conference Room B, Finger Lakes Workforce Investment Board, 41 Lewis Street, Geneva, 3:30-4:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dinah Brennan
Executive Assistant, FLWIB.