

YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Finger Lakes Workforce Investment Board

41 Lewis Street, Geneva, NY 14456

Monday, May 5, 2014

ATTENDANCE: **Members:** Menzo Case, Eileen Rucinski, Erika Martin, Chris Edgar, Patty D'Amico, John Donahue, Betsy Russell-Orr, Kathy Templar, Jennie Erdle, Christy Wentz, Brian Young, Barbara DelPriore, Michael Whirtley
Staff: Pat Gopen, Dinah Brennan
Guests: Marsha Foote, Deb McGrimley

ABSENT: **Members:** Karen Beals, Karina Anderson, Brandon Mead, Marisa Pennetta, Valerie Mallard, Chris Keear, Johnny Robinson, Tom Facer, Tim Bailey, Patty D'Amico, Eric Israel, Caleb Slater

CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS: Ms. Gopen noted that Tim Bailey and Caleb Slater are two new youth members of the council. Tim was not able to attend the meeting because he is working. Caleb was planning to attend but Ms. Martin had an emergency and could not bring him.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *Ms. Erdle noted that she was not listed under "Absent" from the last meeting.* Ms. Rucinski motioned to approve the March minutes with the stated correction, seconded by Ms. Wentz. All in favor, motion carried.

Guest Speaker: Eileen Rucinski, Advanced Manufacturing Career Navigator, presented on the program that allows high school graduates or those with a GED and above to age of 18, to receive grant funding in order to obtain a degree from an area community college in the Advanced Manufacturing industry. The program must have all participants graduate from their respective programs by Spring of 2015. There are 100 spots open, therefore the grant program is now allowing for students to earn a one year certificate in the Advanced Manufacturing industry. This grant serves customers in the 9 county region (Wayne, Ontario, Yates, Seneca, Monroe, Genesee, Orleans Livingston, and Wyoming). For more information please contact Eileen Rucinski at AMCN@fingerlakesworks.com.

Committee Updates

- Performance and Evaluation – Chris Edgar
 - Mr. Edgar discussed the RFP process with the council. There were six bidders at the conference in March, and four RFP's were received. These four that submitted proposals are the current four county contractors.
 - A handout was given to the council for their review of the Performance and Evaluation committee's recommendations, which included recognition of all 4 contractors' Best Practices.
 - The amount the four contractors requested was awarded in the proposal.
 - Wayne County received a higher allocation than the other contractors, therefore to keep the cost per youth equal across the board, the county must serve 42 youth instead of 35.
 - Ms. Wentz made a motion to approve the WIA Youth Program funding allocations to the Wayne, Ontario, Seneca and Ontario counties' Workforce Development programs as recommended by the Performance and Evaluation committee for the Program Year 2014 (PY'14) and subsequent two years. Ms. Erdle seconded this motion. Mr. Young, Mr. Whirtley, Ms. Russell-Orr, and Ms. Templar abstained. All in favor, motion carried.
- Membership – Erika Martin
 - As noted prior, Tim Bailey and Caleb Slater will become youth representatives on the council.

YOUTH PROGRAMS UPDATE:

- Ms. Gopen noted that the WIA Program Year 2013 performance goals are anticipated to be met.
- An Educator/Employer panel presentation was held Friday, April 11th for Finger Lakes Guidance Counselors. This was the 4th panel of the series (previous industries represented were Advanced Manufacturing, Healthcare, and IT/Computer Science), the April career field was Engineering. There were 22 in attendance including high school guidance counselors, school board members and administrators. This was another successful panel and the next one will be held in the Fall of 2014.
- The Healthcare Alliance of the Finger Lakes held their 3rd annual Healthcare Career Day on Wednesday, March 19, 2014 for high school 9th and 10th graders. There were about 260 students in attendance from about 15 school districts. Feedback was both positive and helpful.
- The 2nd Annual “I Love the Finger Lakes” Career Expo was held on April 24th from 1-4pm at FLCC. There were workshops, employers, a social media booth with a photographer for professional headshots, and even prizes for dressing in business attire. About 200 job seekers and over 40 employers and organizations attended.
- Youth Success Stories were presented by Ms. Gopen for the Program Year 2013 (PY’13). All four counties submitted successful youth that have overcome numerous barriers to employment. These biographies and pictures will be on display in the Career Centers and on www.fingerlakesworks.com

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

- Mr. Young noted that Ontario County hopes to service about 80 youth in the Summer Youth Employment Program.
- Ms. Foote noted that she has a few youth that will be going into the Job Corps program with Ms. Wentz. This partnership is strong and a good opportunity for youth.
- Mr. Case noted Generations Bank and Seneca County continue to offer the program previously known as “Wheels to Work” to those in need of an automobile loan. The same qualifications set by NYS are used in this program and it continues to be successful.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Russell-Orr, seconded by Mr. Young. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

The next Youth Council meeting will be held on Monday, September 8, 2014 in Conference Room B, Finger Lakes Workforce Investment Board, 41 Lewis Street, Geneva, 4pm-5pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dinah Brennan
Executive Assistant, FLWIB.