

## YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Finger Lakes Workforce Investment Board

41 Lewis Street, Geneva, NY 14456

Monday, November 3, 2014

**ATTENDANCE:** **Members:** Eileen Rucinski, Erika Martin, Chris Edgar, Betsy Russell-Orr, Kathy Templar, Brian Young, Michael Whirtley, Karen Beals, John McGregor, Jennie Erdle

**Staff:** Pat Gopen, Dinah Brennan

**Guests:** Marsha Foote, Greg Maine

**ABSENT:** **Members:** Barbara DelPriore, Karina Anderson, Brandon Mead, Marisa Pennetta, Valerie Mallard, Chris Kear, Johnny Robinson, Tim Bailey, Caleb Slater, John Donahue

### CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS

**Trend Alert:** Annie Mahoney, Seneca County Homeless and Runaway Program Coordinator, was unable to make be a guest speaker due to a death in the family. Ms. Gopen introduced the topic for the Trend Alert; The barriers to employment that youth encounter after involvement in the legal system.

**Guest Speakers: Erika Martin**, Yates County Probation Officer and Youth Council member, discussed the limitations and barriers she experiences when working with youth on probation. Ms. Martin noted limited availability, transportation, lack of understanding of youth offender status, and home environment as a few of the barriers for these youth when attaining employment. Ms. Martin explained the differences between youth offenders needing to reveal their criminal history and those who do not. Discussion led to speaker **Greg Maine's** (Coordinator of Incarcerated Student Instruction at WFLBOCES) discussion of incarcerated youth challenges. Mr. Maine noted that the youth's mindset, home life, transportation, and offender record are barriers these youth can face once they are released from jail. Ms. Erdle discussed the Finger Lakes Community College's (FLCC) process of admitting previously incarcerated or probationary youth to the college. For more information on this topic please contact Mr. Maine, Ms. Martin or Ms. Gopen.

### Committee Updates

- Membership – Erika Martin
  - Ms. Martin read resignation letters from Menzo Case and Karen Beals. Mr. Case is the previous Chair of the Youth Council but has resigned from the Finger Lakes Workforce Investment Board, thus leaving the council. Ms. Beals will be retiring from United Way, thus also leaving the council. Reginald Walton of Job Corps has applied to join the Youth Council and the membership committee is working to have him appointed in the upcoming months.

### Upcoming Events:

- **Member Announcements:**
  - Ms. Erdle announced FLCC's Veteran's Day Celebration for next week (11/11/14) at 2p.m. She invited the council to attend and the presentation will be streaming live in the FLCC website.
  - Ms. Cook noted the VA made some changes in regulations for the State Association of Veteran's Representatives.
  - Ms. Templar announced the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Wayne County Job Fair will be held November 13<sup>th</sup> at the Palmyra VFW.
  - Ms. Gopen noted the next FL school counselors' Employer/Educator panel series presentation will be held on November 14<sup>th</sup> to address the Agro-Tourism industry.
- **FLWWTH:** Ms. Gopen showed a video created by MCC from the 2014 event.

The next Youth Council meeting will be held on Monday, January 5, 2015 in Conference Room B, Finger Lakes Workforce Investment Board, 41 Lewis Street, Geneva, 4pm-5pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dinah Brennan, Executive Assistant, FLWIB