

YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Finger Lakes Workforce Investment Board

41 Lewis Street, Geneva, NY 14456

Monday, January 5, 2015

- ATTENDANCE:** **Members:** Eileen Rucinski, Erika Martin, Betsy Russell-Orr, Brian Young, Michael Whirtley, Karen Beals, John McGregor, Jennie Erdle, Reggie Walton, Lori Parish, John Donahue, Eric Israel
 Staff: Karen Springmeier, Dinah Brennan
 Guests: Loree Martin, Deb McGrimely, Karen Macier, Connie Richardson, Mark Raymond, Lori Drescher
- ABSENT:** **Members:** Barbara DelPriore, Karina Anderson, Chris Edgar, Kathy Templar, Brandon Mead, Marisa Pennetta, Valerie Mallard, Chris Keear, Johnny Robinson, Tim Bailey, Caleb Slater

CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS

Guest Speakers/Trend Alert: The Growing Heroin and Opioid Addiction Epidemic

- **Mark Raymond**, Manager at Crouse Hospital Opioid Treatment Program, began the conversation on opioid and heroin addiction from the medical aspect. **Lori Drescher**, Business Consultant and a mother of a recovering opioid addict, discussed the need to educate families and loved ones on how to handle their specific situations. Lori started a non-profit titled “Family Recovery Network”. Both speakers were able to provide insight into this growing epidemic and the background of the disease. A positive, successful discussion was had among the youth council. For more information please reach out to our staff and we will be able to connect you with information regarding support, education, and treatment.
- Ms. Erdle noted that an anonymous group was started at FLCC as a support group for anyone with a substance abuse problem. A professional attends the meetings, which have grown from only a few students to over 40 students attending. The time and place are usually communicated by word of mouth and are completely anonymous and confidential.
- Ms. Drescher noted that the University of Rochester has a CARE Program with three full-time counselors. Students may refer themselves or others to the program. The school receives about 1,100 referrals each year.
- Ms. Richardson referenced a website that was created specifically to fight this disease: www.combatheroin.gov.

Approval of the November 3, 2014 Minutes

- Ms. Erdle motioned to approve the November 3rd minutes, seconded by Mr. Whirtley. All in favor, motion carried.

Upcoming Events:

- **Member Announcements:**

- Mr. Israel announced that the Explorer’s Program recently added the Yates County Sheriff’s Office and the Yates County Skilled Trades Group to their program.
- Ms. Erdle noted that FLCC will be doing a Safe Zone Training.
- Ms. Springmeier announced the January 28th Annual FAME Event at MCC will host National Skills Coalition Executive Director, Andy VanKleunen. To sign up please visit, www.nyfame.org.
- Mr. Whirtley noted that Seneca County will be hosting a 9th grade career fair on Friday, March 27th for Seneca County students.
- Ms. Springmeier noted that the 4th Annual Healthcare Career Day will be held on March 17th at FLCC for 9th and 10th grade students.

Committee Updates

- Membership – Erika Martin
 - Ms. Martin noted that Lori Parish of Generations Bank and Reggie Walton of JobCorps will be added to the Youth Council as new members.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ms. Rucinski, seconded by Ms. Russell-Orr. All in favor, motion carried.

Discussion resumed on the Opioid and Heroin issue for the remaining half hour

The next Youth Council meeting will be held on Monday, March 2, 2015 in Conference Room B, Finger Lakes Workforce Investment Board, 41 Lewis Street, Geneva, 4pm-5pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dinah Brennan, Executive Assistant, FLWIB