

YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Finger Lakes Workforce Investment Board

41 Lewis Street, Geneva, NY 14456

Monday, May 4, 2015

ATTENDANCE: **Members:** Eileen Rucinski, Erika Martin, Lori Parish, John Donahue
Staff: Pat Gopen, Dinah Brennan, Karen Springmeier, Michael Woloson

ABSENT: **Members:** Barbara DelPriore, Karina Anderson, Brandon Mead, Marisa Pennetta, Valerie Mallard, Chris Kear, Johnny Robinson, Tim Bailey, Caleb Slater, Brian Young, John McGregor, Eric Israel, Jennie Erdle, Reggie Walton, Betsy Russell-Orr, Michael Whirtley, Chris Edgar, Kathy Templar, Patty D'Amico

CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS

Approval of the March 2nd Minutes

Motion to approve made by Ms. Rucinski, seconded by Mr. Donahue. All in favor, motion carried.

Guest Speakers/Trend Alert

Employment opportunities for youth and young adults within our FLWIB designated industry clusters.

- Mr. Woloson discussed the Health Care Alliance. He distributed a packet of information to the council about the top healthcare professions and available training programs in the Finger Lakes area.
- Ms. Rucinski spoke about the Advanced Manufacturing industry and the work FAME does. Her discussion included the needs in our area and available training grant programs.
- Ms. Gopen discussed the Skilled Trades industry and FLWWTH. She noted the FLWWTH steering committee met prior to this council meeting to start planning for the October 1, 2015 event. This will be the 10th annual event and the committee is working toward making it the best and most talked about event yet.

Youth Programs Update - WIA to WIOA transition

- Request for Proposals have been sent out with a return date no later than May 11th at 4pm. Ms. Gopen noted that the FLWIB has decided to serve all Out-of-School youth with the WIOA program which begins July 1, 2015. The contractors are encouraged to assist In-School youth transitioning out of the WIA program with otherwise-funded summer employment opportunities where applicable. The age eligibility for the Youth WIOA program will be 16-24 years old with an increased emphasis on veterans, and young adults with disabilities as well as various other barriers to employment. The WIOA Youth Program does not have an overall low income eligibility requirement. Events held that are non-WIOA funded (FLWWTH, Healthcare Career Day, etc.) will still be coordinated by the FLWIB for Finger Lakes youth (In-School as well as Out-Of-School).
- Changes taking place to Youth Council
 - Membership is no longer mandated by the state. The Youth Council will become a Youth Committee July 1, 2015. The Youth Council is a strong, active group and will be welcomed as a committee of the FLWIB. Current Youth Council members are being recognized for their participation and invited to join the Youth Committee via a Youth Council Members' Evaluation form that will be emailed to those members not in attendance on May 4.

Upcoming Member Events/Round table

- Ms. Parish noted that Generations Bank recently filled its summer internship positions. The company is currently hiring for an Insurance Bookkeeper and an Investment Services Rep.
- Mr. Donahue discussed the Exploring Program starting a Criminal Justice group and a Skilled Trades group in Yates County.

Meeting adjourned at 4:40pm.