

## Finger Lakes Youth Counselor's Minutes 5/9/18

Counselors: Wendy Cartwright, Deb McGrimley, Ryan DeVay, Chris Yonge, Candice Bukovinsky-Calkins.

Staff: Amanda Lesterhuis

Guest Speakers: Andrea Badger – FLCC, Shelly Cogliandro – ACCES-VR, Kelly Hale – Unity Environment Services

Missing: Annie Mahoney

**ACCES-VR/Unity:** Shelly and Kelly shared the services they can provide to youth, in-school and out-of-school, in conjunction with WIOA youth services:

- Supported Employment – Employment Specialists (like Unity and ARC) provide one-on-one coaching, work with you at worksite or outside of worksite based on comfort/needs level, can stay involved as long as needed, help resolve work related issues/barriers, gradually fade out services.
- “Work Tryout” funds available – up to 480 hours
- Support Services funds – work clothes, tools, etc.
- Vocational and Driving Lesson funds

Counselors are well acquainted with the ACCES-VR rep(s) in their county and how to make referrals. WIOA Youth application has added question about other agencies youth may be working with including ACCES and Unity to help mainstream services. Counselors are now aware of services and leveraged funding ACCES can offer.

**FLCC:** Andrea reviewed the certificate programs they offer – Childhood Development Associate, Advanced Manufacturing Machinist, Mechatronics, and CNA. Provided handouts/pamphlets about the programs and also send electronic copies which were forwarded to the Counselors. Andrea also stated FLCC offers hundreds of certificate programs online through 3<sup>rd</sup> party sites, but participants receive an FLCC certificate; Ed2Go, Gatlan, and Career Web School. Ed2Go courses are typically 6 weeks, cost around \$120, and are more general topics. Gatlan courses are typically longer, costs between \$2,500-\$3,500 but are more career specific. Career Web School is for real estate licensing and costs between \$2,000-\$4,000.

Leveraged funding is available through the America's Promise (NY Inspired) grant to offset or completely cover students costs for the CDA, AMM, Mechatronics, or CNA programs.

**PY18 Youth RFP/Contract Review:** Counselors were informed their counties all submitted RFP responses which have been approved by the RFP Sub-Committee, Executive Committee, and Finance Committee. They are now pending approval at the WIB Board Meeting on May 16<sup>th</sup>. If they are approved the counties will receive the following funding, serve this number of youth and have this FTE for their position:

County	Funding	FTE	C/O Youth	New Youth	Total Youth
Wayne	\$93,730	80%	35	8	43
Ontario	\$100,905	50%	16	24	40
Seneca	\$99,435	90% (Deb-23%) (Ryan – 67%)	16	14	30
Yates	\$75,550	80%	14	16	30

**Updated Monthly Report:** Amanda handed out copies and reviewed a DRAFT of the Monthly Report for PY18 that more accurately reflects information that needs to be captured for Primary Indicators of Performance. Counselors will continue using current monthly report until June.

**New Policy Review:** Amanda reviewed the new policies that will be going into effect on 7/1/18 for PY18 (pending approval at the WIB Board on 5/16); Exit & Follow-Up including Follow-Up Packet, Work Experience, Customer Service Indicators, Incentive Policy (updated during PY17), Objective Assessment, and Supportive Services.

Amanda handed out copies of TABE Survey 9D that all Counselors will start using so everyone is using the same assessment to test basic skills.

**Next Meetings:** Wed June 13, 2018, 2:00-4:00pm

Wed August 1, 2018 2:00-4:00pm

In October after Amanda returns from maternity leave.