

Finger Lakes Workforce Investment Board
YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Finger Lakes WIB Office
41 Lewis Street, Geneva, NY 14456
Monday, September 14, 2009

ATTENDANCE: **Members:** Bob Doeblin, Chair; Susan Acquisto, Menzo Case; Sarah Rowe; Barb Delpriore; Colleen Combs; Patty D'Amico; Brian Young, Kathy Templar; Bill Niver; Chris Edgar; John Mueller; Pat Pavelsky; Zulieika Rodriguez; Kathy Swarthout; Lori Greene Schneider; Lynne Freid;

Staff: Sherri Shoff, Youth Systems Coordinator; Pat Gopen, Internship Coordinator

Guests: Terri Trickey, Loree Martin; Nathalie Sigler; Cathy Jinks; Rhonda Halstead; Felicia Oemmans; Amy Miller; John Vrabel; Amber Simpson

ABSENT: **Members:** Anne Smith; Kevin Spillane; Fabriela Rivera

Mr. Doeblin called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm. Introductions were made. New members were welcomed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of May minutes: Patty D'Amico, second: Colleen Combs, all in favor

GUEST PRESENTATION: Each county brought a youth representative to share their summer youth experience. The youth told about what they had gained from the summer and what their accomplishments have been. Jordan from Seneca County has been hired by her worksite to continue working into the school year. Zulieka from Ontario County has completed her HS Diplomas requirements and has been a huge help at the Geneva One Stop especially when they need an interpreter. Amber from Yates has been hired as a Vista worker at the American Red Cross. Felicia from Wayne is pursuing going to FLCC in the spring as a result of being on the Newark campus for her summer experience. In addition the youth speaking there was a power point presentation that showcased the summer program as well.

ANNOUNCEMENTS and DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. Pat Gopen introduced herself as the new Internship Coordinator and gave a brief overview of the program. She is looking for referrals to the program and will be glad to go out and speak to anyone about the benefits of an Internship.
- b. Update on Finger Lakes Works with their Hands: the planning for the event is well under way with the date scheduled for October 1, 2009. There is still a need for volunteers
- c. Amy Miller from Yates County gave a brief update on a program that will be happening in Yates County that will be administered by Pro-Action and will be working on job skills and each participant will be in the program for 4 months.

SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATES

- a. **Performance and Evaluation:** the P&E Committee met and reviewed the Youth section of the plan that has to be submitted to the State. It was more of a report than a Plan as it asked for numbers for ARRA. Recommend that the Plan be submitted.
- b. **Marketing/Website:**
- c. **Youth Focus Group:**
- d. **Revenue Streams:** Both the Start Here for a High Tech Career and the Internship grants have been renewed to allow for additional youth programming through the WIB.
- e. **Membership:** The membership committee has been hard at work over the summer and the result is apparent with the appointments of 4 new members this month at the full WIB meeting. There still is a vacancy in the criminal justice/probation segment and Sherri has been given some names to pursue for that. Also the youth that are at the meeting have been encouraged to consider joining the Youth Council

UPCOMING EVENTS

- a. Fun on the Farm at Hemdale Farms: 9/19/09
- b. Open House at the new Geneva Community Center: 9/19/09
- c. Finger Lakes Works with their Hands: October 1, 2009

NEXT MEETING: Monday November 2 4:00pm (NOTE TIME) Meeting Room B, Finger Lakes Workforce Investment Board.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sherri L Shoff
Youth Systems Coordinator