

Finger Lakes Workforce Investment Board
YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Finger Lakes WIB Office
41 Lewis Street, Geneva, NY 14456
Monday, November 2, 2009

ATTENDANCE: **Members:** Bob Doeblin, Chair; Susan Acquisto, Menzo Case; Colleen Combs; Barb Delpriore; Chris Edgar; John Mueller; Zulieika Rodriguez; Kathy Swarhout; Lori Greene Schneider; Lynne Freid; Fabriela Rivera; Amber Simpson; Sarah Rowe; Kathy Templar
Staff: Sherri Shoff, Youth Systems Coordinator

ABSENT: **Members:** Anne Smith; Kevin Spillane; Patty D'Amico; Brian Young; Pat Pavelsky; Bill Niver; Peg Birmingham; Bianca Thomas, Kyle Farnsworth

Mr. Doeblin called the meeting to order at 4:00pm. Introductions were made. Welcome to Amber Simpson, new youth representative from Yates County. (resolution to appoint Amber on the WIB agenda for November) Jessica Hazzard also joined the meeting, she is the VISTA volunteer assigned to Literacy Volunteers in Wayne County.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Colleen Combs made the motion to approve the September minutes: Susan Acquisto, second: all in favor

GUEST PRESENTATION: Lynn Freid, Manager of Training and Business Development at FLCC and Youth Council member gave a presentation on the Certified Nurse Assistant Program and the Direct Support Professional Program that are offered as non-credit bearing classes at FLCC. Both programs have been well received by students and employers. One of the new performance measures for the WIA Youth programs is to enroll youth into classroom training and both of these programs would be ideal for the older youth.

ANNOUNCEMENTS and DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. Update on Finger Lakes Works with their Hands: the event was a huge success despite the cold weather. There were 420 students, 63 school personnel, 60 volunteers and 35 Vendors with 93 staff manning the booths. Sherri thanked the Youth Council for their support of the event. The planning for the 2010 event has started. The event is scheduled for October 7, 2010. The committee may be looking at a 2 day event, but the October 7 date would be one of the 2 days. Susan Acquisto from Job Corps would like to be included on the planning committee; Sherri to add her to the committee.

SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATES

- a. **Performance and Evaluation:** Sherri gave an update on the youth contracts. For the program year that ended on June 30, 2009 all the performance measures set by the State were met or exceeded including the Literacy/Numeracy gain which has been troublesome in the past. Sherri commended the Youth staff for working hard to meet the performance measures. For the new program year which began on July 1 the counties are working on their enrollments for year-round WIA. The emphasis has been on summer youth employment but the counties are now working on enrollments for year round and are on target to meet their numbers.
- b. **Marketing/Website:** there is a Power Point on the youth section of the website that highlights the Summer Youth employment programs that operated out of the 4 County Workforce Development Offices.
- c. **Youth Focus Group:** next meeting of this sub-committee will be December 7th at 4pm in Room B at the Finger Lakes Workforce Investment Board.
- d. **Revenue Streams:**
- e. **Membership:** still have a vacancy in the Juvenile Justice/Probation slot. The committee will meet later this month, Susan has contacts in Wayne County that she will contact.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- a. ONYA (Ontario/Yates fund for Women and Girls) Voices of Experience event. November 18th from 6:30-9 at the Belhurst Castle.
- b. There will be open recruitments held on November 9 and 10 for possible call center jobs. For more information see the FLWIB website.
- c. There will be another session of Leader Spark which is a Youth Leadership Development Training. It will be held on 7 Sundays during January and February. Sarah Rowe noted that there are a number of youth who have expressed an interest in attending this training.

ADJOURNMENT: Susan Acquisto made the motion to adjourn, Lori Greene Schneider seconded. Meeting adjourned at 4:55 pm.

NEXT MEETING: Monday January 11, 2010. (NOTE DATE CHANGE) 4:00pm (NOTE TIME) Meeting Room B, Finger Lakes Workforce Investment Board.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sherri L Shoff
Youth Systems Coordinator