

Finger Lakes Workforce Investment Board
YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Finger Lakes WIB Office
41 Lewis Street, Geneva, NY 14456
Monday, March 8, 2010

ATTENDANCE: **Members:** Bob Doeblin, Chair; Peg Birmingham; Colleen Combs; Patty D'Amico; Chris Edgar; Kathy Swarhout; Sarah Rowe, Pat Pavelsky, Kathy Templar; Barb Delpriore; Johnny Robinson
Staff: Pat Gopen, Youth Systems Coordinator
Guests: Steve DeRenzo; Angel Cook; Deb McGrimley; Terri Carlson; Lindsay Harris; Cathy Jinks; Loree Martin; Amber Simpson; Brandon Mead

ABSENT: **Members:** Menzo Case; Lynne Freid; John Mueller; Susan Acquisto; Brian Young; Lori Greene; Fabriela Rivera; Zulieika Rodriguez; Bianca Thomas

CALL TO ORDER / INTRODUCTIONS: Mr. Doeblin called the meeting to order at 4:05pm. Introductions were made.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes from Nov. '09 and Jan. '10 meetings- Motion to approve (with minor attendance correction) by Ms. Combs, seconded by Ms. Birmingham. All in favor. Motion carried.

GUEST PRESENTATION: Mr. Steve DeRenzo, Apprentice Training Representative from the NYDOL gave a presentation on NYS apprenticeship programs in the skilled trades available to youth. Mr. DeRenzo explained how most apprenticeships last 4 years and include both on-the-job as well as classroom training. JATC union programs can be accessed from the NYSDOL website. A youth needs to have a Program Sponsor before entering into an apprentice training program. The most common apprenticeship programs in Western NY are; Machinist, CNC Operator, Electrician, HVAC, Plant Maintenance, Bricklayer, Construction and Tool and Dye Maker. Registered applications go through Mr. DeRenzo's office and NYSDOL. Contact Mr. DeRenzo with additional questions usasjd@labor.state.ny.us

ANNOUNCEMENTS and DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. Update on the performance measures: the new measure that requires there be 3 Youth in Training enrollments has been met. Youth Counselors are assessing youth participants for additional training slots now made available with unspent ARRA monies delegated to Youth ITAS by the P&E Committee.
- b. Ms. Gopen reported on the FLWIB Internship Program's Open Houses held in January at the 4 One-Stops and also on the PY 2009 success of the program. There was also a Summer Jobs Fair held at FLCC.
- c. Ms. Gopen reported that at this time there is no SYEP funding for 2010 but that our representatives are actively campaigning for the cause. There is continued optimism that a SYEP will be funded but there is nothing concrete at this time. The contractors are moving forward cautiously in preparation.
- d. Youth Counselors reported on their participation at NYATEP Youth Academy in Albany March 2-3, 2010
- e. Mr. Smith reported on the preliminary planning for the Oct. 7 Finger Lakes Works With Their Hands event. Funding was approved for a one day, not two day event. Mr. Smith and Ms. Gopen reported on a presentation they gave at the BOCES/Flint meeting of HS Counselors on March 12 and another is scheduled at BOCES/Wayne in April.

SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATES

- a. **Performance and Evaluation:** Identified the unspent ARRA funds as available for Youth ITAs.
- b. **Marketing/Website:** nothing to report
- c. **Youth Focus Group:** there was discussion about possible youth member projects including Ms. Cook's suggestion that the members develop plans for dedicated youth-oriented areas within the county One-Stop locations.
- d. **Membership:** A resolution was sent to the WIB for 3/17/2010 vote on new member request for Jessica Bacher, GM of The Geneva Hampden Inn.
- e. **Chairperson:** Effective June 30, 2010 Mr. Doeblin will resign his role as Chair in order to Chair the FLWIB Finance and Audit Committee effective July 1, 2010. Volunteers to assume Mr. Doeblin's position are welcome. It was also decided that committee membership lists need revision. Ms. Gopen will be sending out a committee request form.

ADJOURNMENT: Adjournment at 5:30

NEXT MEETING: Monday May 3, 2010. (NOTE DATE CHANGE) at 4:00pm in Meeting Room B, Finger Lakes Workforce Investment Board.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pat Gopen
Youth Systems Coordinator