

**YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**ATTENDANCE:** **Members:** Karen Beals, Jocelyn VanGelder, Johnny Robinson, Chris Edgar, Kathy Swartout, Valerie Mallard, Kathy Templar, Barb Delpriore, Patty D'Amico, Brian Young, Peg Birmingham

**Staff:** Pat Gopen, Youth Systems Coordinator

**Guests:** Mike Woloson, Patti Rockefeller, Deb McGrimley, Cathy Jinks, Loree Martin, Cassandra Comtois

**ABSENT:** **Members:** Menzo Case, Chair, John Mueller, Jessica Bacher, Brandon Mead, Sonia Frederick, Beth Thomas, Lynn Freid, Lori Greene, Susan Acquisto, Heaven Hotelling, Sarah Rowe, Colleen Combs, Amberly Stryker, Pat Pavelski, Chris Kear

**CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS:** Ms. Gopen called the meeting to order at 4:00pm, introductions were made.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes from May 9, 2011 meeting approved. Motion to approve by Ms. VanGelder, seconded by Mr. Young. All in favor, motion carried.

**Guest Speaker:** Cathy Chabrier, Compliance Officer of Wayne County Nursing and Rehab Center was taken ill and was unable to attend. Mike Woloson filled in for Cathy and presented information on the Finger Lakes Healthcare Alliance' upcoming career exploration event for high school youth. Somewhat fashioned after the Finger Lakes Works...with their hands! event, the March 12<sup>th</sup> event will provide hands-on healthcare career exploration activities for area 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders. The event will be held at the Geneva FLCC campus on March 14 from 8am-2pm. See [healthcareworkforcealliance.net](http://healthcareworkforcealliance.net) for further details.

**YOUTH PROGRAM UPDATE:**

- A. Youth Counselors Deb McGrimley (Seneca County) and Loree Martin (Yates County) provided updates on their Youth TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) summer employment programs. Ms. Gopen reiterated that although there was no WIA funding for a stand alone Summer Youth Employment Program, that over 170 TANF youth between the ages of 14-20 from throughout the 4 counties were involved in paid work experience and/or educational activities this summer. Many of these youth will be enrolled in the WIA Youth Program.
- B. Ms. Gopen reported that the WIA Performance Summary Report for Program Year 2010 showed that the Finger Lakes WIA Youth programs are all meeting or surpassing the Common Measures goals in all areas; Youth Placed in Employment or Education, Youth Attaining a Degree or Certificate and Youth Literacy/Numeracy gains.
- C. Ms. Gopen reported that the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual **Finger Lakes Works...with their hands!** skilled trades and advanced manufacturing event is scheduled for October 6, 2011 and that the Steering Committee has begun monthly planning meetings in preparation for the event.

**SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATES:**

- A. Marketing Committee: Peg Birmingham, Committee Chair, reported that a Youth Council Marketing Program Logic Model has been drafted. The Logic Model looks at integrating the marketing efforts/activities of multiple youth systems for optimal outcomes in; increased awareness of services, development of partnerships and ultimately, increased connectedness of youth to employment.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS /DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

There continues to be discussion regarding the usage by young people of over-the-counter 'legal marijuana' and 'Bath Salts' type products being sold in our communities. Bill Fox of FLACRA has deemed the use of these products to be of "epidemic proportions" and he will be providing a guest speaker on this subject for us at our November meeting. This should be a very interesting information session.

**UPCOMING EVENTS/ROUND TABLE:**

Various upcoming events were announced by council members including; the Geneva Day for Kids, September 24<sup>th</sup>. Fun on the Farm, Finger Lakes Job Fair September 26<sup>th</sup> at the Geneva Ramada Inn

**ADJOURNMENT:** Adjournment at 5:00

**NEXT MEETING:** **Monday, November 7, 2011** in Conference Room B, Finger Lakes Workforce Investment Board, 41 Lewis Street, Geneva, 4:00-5:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Pat Gopen, Youth Systems Coordinator