

Finger Lakes Workforce Investment Board
YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Finger Lakes Workforce Investment Board
41 Lewis Street, Geneva, NY 14456
Monday, September 10, 2012

ATTENDANCE: **Members:** Menzo Case, Chair, Sarah Rowe, Colleen Combs, Patty D'Amico, John Donohue, Erika Martin, Chris Edgar, Betsy Russell-Orr, Brian Young, Matt Graney, Barb Delpriore,
Staff: Pat Gopen, Youth Systems Coordinator

Guests: Deb McGrimley, Loree Martin, Angel Cook
ABSENT: **Members:** John Mueller, Brandon Mead, Eileen Rucinski, Marisa Pennetta, Karen Beals, Johnny Robinson, Kathy Templar, Peg Birmingham, Valerie Mallard, Chris Kear

CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS: Mr. Case called the meeting to order at 4:00pm. New members; John Donohue, Penn Yan Academy, Matt Graney, Explorers Program and Erika Martin, Yates County Probation were introduced. The Youth Council also welcomed new members Eileen Rucinski and Marisa Pennetta who were not present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes from May 7, 2012 meeting approved. Motion to approve by Brian Young, second by Sarah Rowe. All in favor, motion carried.

Guest Speaker: Scheduled Guest Speaker Heather Mills, Director of Community Based Outreach for the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program rescheduled her presentation to our November Youth Council meeting.

Guest Speaker: Michael Woloson reported on the FLWIB Marketing Committee's annual campaign, **Skills2Compete**. Mike provided a flyer portraying the campaign whose mission is to create awareness of Finger Lakes job and training opportunities for middle skill jobs. Mike discussed some of the many activities being scheduled within the Workforce network as well as throughout the community to bring light to this demand for skilled workers in advanced manufacturing, healthcare, skilled trades and food/agriculture technology.

YOUTH PROGRAMS UPDATE:

- Youth Counselor Loree Martin (Yates County Workforce Development) and Deb McGrimley (Seneca County Workforce Development) shared their Summer Youth Employment Programs' youth-developed videos. Youth staff adjoined TANF (Temporary Aid to Needy Families) and WIA (Workforce Investment Act) programs to offer summer jobs opportunities that provided valuable work experience and income to economically disadvantaged local youth.
- Ms. Gopen provided an update on the plans for the 7th annual **Finger Lakes Works...with their hands!** event scheduled for October 4, 2012 at the Rodman Lott and

Son Farms in Seneca Falls. At the time of the meeting, 24 of the 26 Finger Lakes high schools and 37 exhibitors had already registered to participate.

Youth Council **Membership Committee** Chair Patty D'Amico reported that Youth Council membership is strong and was pleased to announce that a couple of long open vacancies have been filled. Patty announced the resignations of Kathy Swartout, Jessica Bacher and Deb Veltkamp as well as welcoming and introducing new members Matthew Graney, John Donohue, Erika Martin, Eileen Rucinski and Marisa Pennetta.

Ms. Gopen reported that the NYSDOL monitor advised the Youth Council **Performance & Evaluation Committee** to meet to revise the scoring matrix of the RFP Policy to expedite the proposals evaluation process. A P & E Committee meeting is pending.

A round table discussion was held regarding various upcoming events and announcements. The September Youth Council meeting was adjourned at 5:00pm.

The next Youth Council meeting will be held on Monday, November 5, 2012 in Conference Room B, Finger Lakes Workforce Investment Board, 41 Lewis Street, Geneva, 4:00-5:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pat Gopen, Youth Systems Coordinator