

Finger Lakes Workforce Investment Board
YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Finger Lakes Workforce Investment Board
41 Lewis Street, Geneva, NY 14456
Monday, November 5, 2012

ATTENDANCE: **Members:** Menzo Case, Chair, Kathy Templar, Eileen Rucinski, Karen Beals, Erika Martin, Chris Edgar, Betsy Russell-Orr

Staff: Pat Gopen, Youth Systems Coordinator

Guests: Alberta Bennett, Terri Carlson, Karina Anderson, Loree Martin

ABSENT: **Members:** Sarah Rowe, Brian Young, Matt Graney, Barb Delpriore, Colleen Combs, Patty D'Amico, John Donohue, John Mueller, Brandon Mead, Marisa Pennetta, Johnny Robinson, Peg Birmingham, Valerie Mallard, Chris Kear

CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS: Mr. Case called the meeting to order at 4:00pm. The Youth Council welcomed new member Eileen Rucinski and introduced guests Karina Anderson and Alberta Bennett.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes from September 10, 2012 meeting approved. Motion to approve by Chris Edgar, second by Karen Beals. All in favor, motion carried.

Guest Speaker: Scheduled Guest Speaker Karina Anderson, Community Based Outreach for the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program (www.bbbsr.org) presented on their school-based mentoring program. Karina's territory covers Wayne, Ontario and Yates counties. Karina gave the Youth Council an overview of what the Big Brother/Big Sister organization strives to accomplish and about the requirements of participating. She expressed that they have a constant need for 'Bigs', and always a surplus of youth needing mentors. BB/BS only serves youth ages 6-16.

Guest: Karina Anderson introduced herself as an active WIA Youth from Seneca County who will be applying for the Youth Council. Her contribution was already recognized during the meeting.

YOUTH PROGRAMS UPDATE:

- Youth Counselor Loree Martin (Yates County Workforce Development) shared her 'Trend Alert' as the need for older, out-of-school youth to have mentors. Youth staff recognize a need for youth who come to the end of the WIA Youth program to have some continued support from an adult in the business or academic community, beyond the 'Follow-up' service provider loosely by their counselor. Often these older youth do not have positive role models or contacts that can assist/advise them as they enter the adult world and workforce. Discussion ensued and it was suggested that a workshop be developed to teach youth how to find their own mentor (job shadowing, etc.) Prospective new member Karina Anderson volunteered to work on an Ad-Hoc committee to develop such a workshop. YC members interested in being on that committee should notify Ms. Gopen.
- Ms. Gopen provided an update on the WIA Youth Program; Customer Service Indicator National Work Readiness Credential, ITS's, new Ontario Youth Counselor, Marsha Foote.
- Ms. Gopen reported on FLWIB Marketing initiative, Skills2Compete and Advanced Manufacturing panel presented to FL high school counselors at WFLBOCES in November.

Committee Reports:

Membership Committee Current vacancies are two WIB member representatives; Business and Education. Membership committee to solicit recommendation from FLCC President Dr. Barbara Risser.

Performance & Evaluation Committee Chris Edgar reported that the committee met and has begun reviewing and revising the Youth Program RFP Policy Scoring Matrix in order to expedite the proposals evaluation process. The P & E Committee will review draft in upcoming weeks.

A round table discussion was held regarding various upcoming events and announcements.

The November Youth Council meeting was adjourned at 5:00pm.

The next Youth Council meeting will be held on Monday, January 7, 2013 in Conference Room B, Finger Lakes Workforce Investment Board, 41 Lewis Street, Geneva, 4:00-5:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pat Gopen, Youth Systems Coordinator