

YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Finger Lakes Workforce Investment Board

41 Lewis Street, Geneva, NY 14456

Monday, March 11, 2013

ATTENDANCE: **Members:** Menzo Case, Chair, Brian Young, Patty D'Amico, Erika Martin, Chris Edgar, John Mueller, John Donohue, Betsy Russell-Orr, Karina Anderson

Staff: Pat Gopen, Dinah Brennan

Guests: Angel Cook, Marsha Foote, Cathy Jinks, Deb McGrimley, Loree Martin

ABSENT: **Members:** Karen Beals, Matt Graney, Barb Delpriore, Brandon Mead, Marisa Pennetta, Peg Birmingham, Valerie Mallard, Chris Kear, Christy Wentz, Johnny Robinson, Chasity Clarke, Colleen Combs

CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS: Mr. Case called the meeting to order at 4:00pm. Introductions were made and Mr. Case welcomed guest speakers Brian Wagner and Lara Duckett.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes from January 7, 2013 meeting approved with minor spelling change previously noted. Motion to approve by Chris Edgar, second by Brian Young. All in favor, motion carried.

TREND ALERT: Youth Counselor Cathy Jinks (Wayne County Workforce Development) shared her 'Trend Alert' as a concern regarding the challenges facing pregnant and parenting youth. Cathy cited an example of a parenting couple on her caseload; the father put his GED studies on hold to provide childcare while the baby's mother attends school for her CNA certificate. This observation initiated discussion and also led into the Guest Speakers' presentation topic.

Guest Speaker: Scheduled Guest Speakers Brian Wagner and Lara Duckett, Wayne County Action Program, Inc., spoke about the teen pregnancy and parenting programs they have for youth. Several statistics were presented regarding the effects teen pregnancy has on both the mother and the child. Teen pregnancy has declined since the 1990's nationally, but has remained fairly stable in our local area. The services at the Wayne County Action Program are; EGG Classes, Incredible Years, and other programs which can be found on their website www.waynecap.org

YOUTH PROGRAMS UPDATE:

- Angel Cook (NYSDOL) discussed WIA Program Common Measures performance figures. WIA Youth Program performance is strong with 'Entered Employment or Education', 'Attained a Degree or Certificate' and 'Literacy/Numeracy' numbers all at or above goals. Ms. Cook and Ms. Gopen reiterated that the new DOL management reporting system is helpful for being proactive in attaining performance goals and Ms. Gopen commended youth staff in attendance on youth services being provided.
- Ms. Gopen provided an update on the substantial WIA Youth Program funding available for Individual Training Accounts and OJTs. Partner FLCC and the FLWIB are working together to hopefully develop a certificate training program of the core competencies for entry-level advanced manufacturing jobs.
- Ms. Gopen reported on past and future activities taking place under the FLWIB Marketing initiative, Skills2Compete and an upcoming HealthCare panel to be presented to FL high school counselors at FLTCC on April 12, 2013.
- Ms. Gopen also reported on the FLWIB Healthcare Alliance Career Exploration Day for high school 9th and 10th graders scheduled for Wednesday, March 20, 2013. The event is geared to youth who are interested in learning more about current and emerging careers in Human Services and Healthcare. For more information contact Mike Woloson at flwibmw@rochester.rr.com

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

- Mr. Edgar of Literacy Volunteers announced that he received an e-mail stating that McGraw-Hill are the chosen publishers of the new High School Equivalency Diploma for New York State starting January 2014. He will forward the e-mail.
- Ms. Gopen said that she and Youth Counselors from each of 4, Finger Lakes counties attended the 3 day NYATEP Youth Academy conference in Albany in early March. Conference attendees participated in training workshops, heard motivational and political speakers, and shared Best Practices with their youth program peers from NY and several adjoining states.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15pm.

The next Youth Council meeting will be held on Monday, May 6, 2013 in Conference Room B, Finger Lakes Workforce Investment Board, 41 Lewis Street, Geneva, 4:00-5:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dinah Brennan
Executive Assistant, FLWIB.