

YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Finger Lakes Workforce Investment Board

41 Lewis Street, Geneva, NY

Wednesday, November 14, 2018

ATTENDANCE: **Members:** Andrea Badger, Wendy Cartwright, Jennie Erdle, Andrea McGraw, Deb McGrimley, Lori Parish, Melissa Stuart, Christine Yonge
Guest: LaToya Collins
Staff: Amanda Lesterhuis, Karen Springmeier, Jennifer May

I. Introductions/Approve Minutes from September 13, 2018

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Ms. Erdle, seconded by Ms. Badger. All in favor, motion carried.

II. Presentation: Young Entrepreneurs Academy (YEA!)

Ms. Collins explained what the program entails, who can participate, and what the students do in the program. She also discussed how the program is funded, what monetary contribution is required from the students and allowed the committee to view a video of success stories. Ms. Collins then entertained questions from the committee members.

III. Event/ideas to invite Private Sector

Ms. Parish discussed the need for more involvement in the committee from the private sector. Ms. Springmeier offered to reach out to the new board members regarding interest in this committee. Ms. Parish then stated her desire for a committee mission statement and values statement. Ms. Springmeier suggested that the mission statement can be developed from the FLWIB mission statement, which touches on youth.

IV. WIOA Youth Progress/Success Stories

Ms. Lesterhuis and the youth counselors discussed the following outcomes from the TANF Summer Youth Employment Program:

Ontario County served 74 youth, with 39 worksites

Wayne County served 73 youth, with 29 worksites

Seneca County served 54 youth, with 28 worksites

Yates County served 39 youth, with 25 worksites

V. FLWWTH Summary

The vast majority of the feedback from the event was positive. Finding ways to encourage both matching attendance numbers to registration numbers and positive and safe behavior from schools still needs to be discussed by the steering committee. Other regions have been impressed with the success of FLWWTH and are implanting plans for their own skilled trades events.

VI. Other Items/Open Floor

Ms. Erdle spoke of FLCC's Women's Initiative on Leadership (W.I.L) recognizes the need for leadership opportunities for women and is offering a two part program to students to encourage leadership by women at FLCC, in local high schools and in the community at large.

VII. Next meeting: Wednesday, January 9, 2019 3:30-4:30 p.m.