

YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Finger Lakes Workforce Investment Board

41 Lewis Street, Geneva, NY

Wednesday, May 8, 2019

ATTENDANCE: **Members:** Lori Parish, Chris Edgar, Andrea Badger, Audra Marang, Jennie Erdle, Jeremy Hughes
Staff: Amanda Lesterhuis, Karen Springmeier
Guest Speaker: Melanie Ulrich, Ontario County Family Services

I. Introductions/Approve Minutes from March 13, 2019

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

II. 90 Minute Presentation on Human/Sex Trafficking – Melanie Ulrich

Ms. Ulrich presented information about human/sex trafficking including examples of local youth who have been exploited. Topics covered were the type of youth that can be exploited targeted, motivation of abusers, warning signs, community education, and more. Ontario County recently had a “Stamp It Out” campaign to educate schools, agencies, etc. about human/sex trafficking. There is a “Stamp It Out” app available on Android and coming soon to iPhone. Ontario County Partnership has an “Epic Zone” house at 21 Worthington Ave for youth ages 12-17, open M-F from 2:30-7:30pm. Their mission is to provide a safe space for youth after school. More information can be found on their website, <https://partnershipforontariocounty.org/community-programs/epic-zone-youth-clubhouse/>.

County contacts for more information/training on Human/Sex Trafficking:

Wayne – Kathy McGonigal, klmcgonigal@co.wayne.ny.us

Ontario – Melanie Ulrich, Melanie.ulrich@dfa.state.ny.us

Seneca – Annie Mahoney, amahoney@co.seneca.ny.us

Yates – Jeanine Phillips, jphillips@shflny.org

III. Other Business/Future Topic Ideas

Safe Harbors and the services they provide. ACEs (Adverse Childhood Experiences) Training, Ms. Erdle provided contact information for a possible trainer.

Mr. Hughes stated there is a new ACCES-VR RFP available that BOCES may apply for. This would allow them to further serve youth. Mr. Hughes agreed to provide more information at the July meeting. The committee would also like to hear more information about the CDOS credential.

IV. Next meeting: Wednesday, July 10th, 3:30-4:30pm