

YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Virtual Zoom Meeting
Wednesday, January 12, 2022

ATTENDANCE: **Members:** Marsha Foote, Rick Plympton, Petrea Rae, Chris Edgar, Audra Marang, Kathy Shay, Leah Hamilton,
Guests: Laura Heid, Annie Mahoney, Wendy Provan, Joe Davis, Christine Yonge,
Staff: Dréa Badger

I. Introductions

II. FLWWTH 3 Career Event Cluster Update

A hand-on youth career exploration day featuring careers in advanced manufacturing, skill trades, agriculture and healthcare will be held at FLCC – Canandaigua Campus date has been updated: new date is May 25, 2022. Those who have registered will not need to do another registration – email communication will go out; if there is a conflict for an entity that already registered the FLWIB can update their registration. Registration forms for schools, volunteers and exhibitors/presenters are available on www.fingerlakesworks.com.

ACTION ITEM: Ms. Badger to update all communications with districts, exhibitors, volunteers, and sponsors to provide information on new date.

III. Mental Health Training: Wayne County Partnership Connection Ms. Badger updated the committee on the mental health training offerings through the Wayne County Partnership Connection. This was a topic brought up by the Committee in previous conversations. Training topics include Mental Health First Aid for Youth, Mental Health First Aid for Adult, and Assisting Children through Transition (separating or divorcing parents). Trainings can be found online at: <https://www.waynecountyconnection.org/events>
Ms. Foote asked if there was a training for the little ones, as the mental health for those that are younger (elementary school age) has also been impacted. Ms. Badger responded that the age for Youth in the training started at 12 years old.

IV. Local Community Resources

a. County Lists/Community Schools Lists

Ms. Badger informed the committee that there were lists of resources (for youth, families, and communities) that were attained through email. Seneca County and Ontario County had PDF lists of community resources that would be helpful to provide to youth, families and/or other community members. The lists were extensive, and Ms. Badger tried to find additional files of these resources for other counties within the area. These resource list can help connect youth (and other) with their specific needs for success. It was mentioned as a FAME committee topic of conversation to also provide lists like these to employers for additional resources that employees could utilize outside what their employer offers, possibly help retention (childcare options, safety, and mental health options, etc).

Multiple committee members and guests suggested that using 211 is a better option. This is a website, can be updated quickly (compared to a PDF), and is readily available to be searched through via county or location. 211 website is: <https://211lifeline.org> – you can search information online, call or even text information as well.

Ms. Foote provided information about RTS busses having a QR Code on the side that provides immediate resources about trafficking. This was also suggested as a possible option for FLWIB to use – QR Code for marketing.

Mr. Davis sent resources for Yates County (community resources and snap booklet).

It was mentioned that during the Wayne County Partnership Connection meeting in the morning on 1/12/22, they are also looking to put together a community resources information page – will be set up in the near future on the website.

V. WIOA Youth Program for Program Year 2022

The RFP awarded in 2020 had the option for an extension through Program Year 21 (current) and Program Year 22 (next year starting July 1, 2022.)

Ms. Badger provided information that the RFP is likely to be extended through PY22 and then the RFP will be updated for the next Program Year.

Ms. Badger will bring data on the youth program (through quarter 2 of PY21) to the next Youth Committee Meeting to look at where each provider is currently on their goals (budget, enrollment, services, etc.). As a note: an extension of an RFP must be approved by the Full Workforce Investment Board.

VI. Around the Room

Ms. Yonge provided an update on a current in-school youth that the WIOA program serves. This youth was in the program for a couple years, graduated high school and went to FLCC online; did not like online school and was then set up in a Work Experience at a local childcare center. This youth completed all 480 hours of the work experience and is now using WIOA funding for on-the-job training at the same place, hired full time in unsubsidized employment.

Mr. Davis provided an update on the FL GRIT program, offering the Certified Production Technician program at Yates County and Bloomfield High School starting January 25th, 2022. This program uses a 2-way video device, and lab work using virtual reality (welding without the burns and mess!). Yates County is also discussing youth apprenticeship with RTMA and Penn Yan Academy (Construction trades), which includes job shadowing (juniors) and paid internship (seniors). Vance Metal in Geneva is also interested in Apprenticeship. Ms. Badger will reach out to Geneva High School through the Geneva 2030 initiative. Mr. Davis asked if the “Good Job Challenge” grant (9-county region for \$24 million) included funds for Finger Lakes Works...with their hands or other events.

ACTION ITEM: Ms. Badger will follow up on Good Jobs Challenge Grant with Lynn.

Mr. Plympton stated that the FLWIB should continue to go after new monies and not just what we have done in the past. Also mentioned that he would like hear more Youth Success Stories looking at the positive outcomes of the program. This shows the comprehensive picture with results of success stories for those in the program.

Ms. Badger stated that there will be a presentation for the FLWIB on March 16, 2022, on the WIOA Youth program, FLWWTH, Youth initiatives, etc.

VII. Next meeting: Wednesday, March 9, 2022 at 3pm. Held via Zoom with an in-person option.

The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 3:58 p.m.