

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT COUNCIL

February 8, 2011

2:00 P.M.

SENECA ROOM – TST BOCES

PRESENT: M. Coldren, D. Bradac, S. Tabor, Y. Merritt, J. Bellis, V. Zeppelin, B. Yarosh, H. Cooper, R. Pollack
EXCUSED: N. Zook, L. Schoffel
STAFF: J. Mattick, J. Luu

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Yarosh reported she has \$5 tickets available for an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast fundraiser at Applebees on February 6, 2011 with proceeds benefiting the youth foster care celebration.

Ms. Bradac reported the One Stop Center will be undergoing a facelift over the next several weeks. New paint, carpet and furniture will be installed.

She also noted the 2011 Star Hospitality Program has scholarships available if anyone knows of someone that might wish to participate. Funding for the program is being made available through the Strategic Tourism Planning Board. Planning for the Bio Tech Career is well underway for the event on April 8, 2011 at Ithaca College and the World of Skills Job Fair will be held on April 28, 2011 at the Holiday Inn.

Ms. Cooper stated a networking and interviewing event is being held on February 11, 2011 for Digital Media students at BOCES and asked if anyone has time they would like to contribute she would welcome participation. A similar event is being held March 4, 2011 for the healthcare students.

LEAP PROGRAM FUNDING INCREASE

The Program coordinator for the LEAP Program has resigned effective January 31, 2011. A proposal was brought before the group to increase the contract with the Office of Employment and Training. The additional funding will allow the Youth Program Coordinator to increase her hours in order to continue providing services to program participants at TC3 through the end of June 2011. The Program was funded for a two-year period in an effort to see if providing intensive services to low-income students would effect change in graduate rates. The two years will end in June. An increase in OET's contract of approximately \$9800 is needed for a 21 week period. The Planning and Evaluation committee met prior to today's meeting and they are recommending approval.

It was Moved by Ms. Zeppelin, seconded by Ms. Yarosh and unanimously adopted by voice vote of members present to recommend to the Executive Committee that the contract with OET be increased by \$9800.27 to continue services to LEAP Program participants through June 2011.

This proposal will be brought to the Executive Committee in March and approval will be requested retroactive to February 7, 2011.

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Ms. Mattick has not had an opportunity to discuss the academy with Zach Schulman. She will try to bring more information to the group in March.

Ms. Zeppelin did some research on Jr. Achievement and they have a chapter in the area. She noted it may be easier to link to that group. There was discussion about how schools support that program and Ms. Mattick will bring information to the next meeting. She noted that Mr. Schulman's work will continue regardless of our interest and there may be opportunities for both programs.

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SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT FUNDING UPDATE

Ms. Mattick stated the Governor's budget does not contain any TANF funding at this point. She will provide additional updates as they become available.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3 p.m. The next meeting will be held March 7, 2011 at 2 p.m. at BOCES.