

June 14, 2011

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT COUNCIL

2:00 P.M.

SENECA ROOM – TST BOCES

PRESENT: D. Bradac, Y. Merritt, V. Zeppelin, N. Zook, L. Schoffel, S. Tabor, H. Cooper, R. Pollack, M. Coldren, K. Lind

EXCUSED: B. Yarosh, J. Bellis

GUESTS: F. Zuckerberg

STAFF: J. Mattick, J. Luu

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting began at 2:05 p.m.

SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

There is \$190,000 available in TANF funding for summer youth employment and contracts are being negotiated with the Office of Employment and Training and the City of Ithaca Youth Employment Service. The Youth Employment Service expects to serve approximately 55 young people. Ms. Tabor reported that they are still taking referrals, the DSS certification has been going very well, and some youth have already started jobs. The Office of Employment and Training has 80 youth enrolled in Job Link, 37 already on payroll and 15 applications pending. They expect to serve 62 youth this summer with TANF funding and have received 84 referrals thus far.

Mr. Coldren stated this year it was uncertain whether funding would be received and this could also be an issue in future years. It is important moving forward to look at ways to engage young people outside subsidized employment. Ms. Schoffel stated her organization provides volunteer opportunities as do other providers. Mr. Coldren stated it is important to capture that data, on what is being done and what can no longer be done without funding.

YOUTH ATTRACTION & RETENTION SURVEY

The survey period is complete and the results are being analyzed.

EDUCATOR IN THE WORKPLACE 2011

The program has been funded through the 13N regional grant for 2011 and will run during July 2011. There are 12 teachers who have expressed interest in participating and Ms. Zook and Ms. Mattick will be meeting with those individuals to see what their thoughts are and what types of placements they would find most appropriate. Ms. Mattick is also working to develop the list of employers and will be meeting with businesses to get them signed up.

OTHER

Ms. Zeppelin reported the Tech Prep funding has been eliminated in the federal budget as of June 30, 2011. Her position will be changing at TC3 and she will keep the group informed as it takes shape.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m. The next meeting will be held August 9, 2011 at 2 p.m. at BOCES.