

DECEMBER 13, 2011

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT COUNCIL

2:00 P.M.

SENECA SMART ROOM – TST BOCES

PRESENT: D. Bradac, L. Schoffel, K. Lind, J. Bellis, N. Zook, S. Tabor

EXCUSED: B. Yarosh, M. Coldren, V. Zeppelin, R. Pollack, H. Cooper,

STAFF: J. Mattick, J. Luu

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting began at 2:08 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Schoffel announced Rural Youth Services received two rural grant awards and they will translate directly to more youth working.

PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATION COMMITTEE – PERMISSION TO RELEASE RFP FOR WIA YOUTH SERVICES – JULY 1, 2012 – JUNE 30, 2014

The Performance and Evaluation Committee has met twice in last six weeks and worked on ideas and changes for the RFP. Following action by the Executive Committee the RFP will be released on January 3. Notices will go out in the newspaper and on the Human Services List Serve. The Committee did not make significant changes but did add some additional reporting requirements such as quarterly reports to the Youth Employment Council. The request will be in the amount of approximately \$280,000 per year (funds permitting) for the period July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2014 with the option for a one-year extension. Proposals will be due on February 14, 2012. Hearing no objections, the request will be sent to the Executive Committee for formal action.

2012 Summer Youth Employment Funding & Governor's Inner City Youth Program

Ms. Mattick reported the Governor's economic development package includes \$25 million for a summer youth program using funds from this fiscal year. This means the money needs to be spent by March 31, 2012; however, the thought is a request will be made to move the money to the next funding year and made available this summer. Approximately \$190,000 will be available to Tompkins County, which is same level as last summer. She reported a Request for Proposals would be released for a summer program in February 2012 with a due date around March 21, 2012. The goal is to have contracts in place so the program can begin May 1, 2012. Ms. Mattick reported other youth programming is also included in the governor's package such as the inner city youth program; however, Tompkins County is not eligible. One item that may be of benefit is a tax credit available for employers who employ at risk youth, but more information is needed.

DIRECTOR UPDATE – ARC REGIONAL GRANT

Ms. Mattick reported on the Appalachian Regional Commission Grant that was submitted. Three different regional planning boards were involved and all three needed to endorse the application. She reported that two of the three prioritized the application as high, but the third did not rank it high enough to move it to the next level. She noted she has learned a lot about the Commission and the process and thinks there could be additional opportunities that can be applied for in the future.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:03 p.m. The next meeting will be held January 10, 2012 at 2 p.m. at BOCES.

Minutes prepared by Jennifer Luu