

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT COUNCIL

August 12, 2014

2:30 P.M.

ONE-STOP CONFERENCE ROOM

PRESENT: A. Hendrix, M. Lyons, D. Bradac, S. Tabor, K. Lind, B. Bannister, A. Brown
EXCUSED: H. Cooper, A. Pape, V. Zeppelin, J. Herbert, D. Osborne, R. Pollack
STAFF: J. Mattick, J. Luu

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:32 p.m.

Introductions and Announcements

Ms. Bradac announced a career fair is being held September 8, 2014 at the Shops at Ithaca Mall and the marketing materials for the event will be available next week.

Review from Strategic Planning Session

The retreat summary was distributed and is included at the end of the minutes.

Themes that evolved from the story spine activity at the retreat included:

- Apprenticeships
- Programs
- Supporting youth with disabilities
- Collaborate among YE providers
- Specific resource for youth? Parents? Families?

From that exercise, three areas of focus evolved:

- Partnerships and Collaborations – how to engage more people with YEC
- Resource for Youth Employment – guide for community on YE
- Programs for YE (Apprenticeships) - what are the program gaps and what can we develop to overcome them

Today's meeting will be on brainstorming partners to have at the table and why they should be there, who will invite them to participate, as well as discussing the accomplishments and programs of YEC and discussing what new activities the group would like to focus on.

Suggestions for involvement from community partners include possible representation from

- GIAC
- Southside
- Village at Ithaca
- Business in demand occupations – what is needed, how do local youth fit
- Person representing trades
- Bridges (homeless youth)
- Learning Web - connections with out-of-school youth
- BOCES Adult Education – Ask Dr. Matteson who would best represent out-of-school youth
- TC3
- Cornell ILR – David Brewer – transition from school to career
- Educator in the Workplace participant – school perspective
- ACE Program – school perspective
- Out of school youth
- Parent
- Fingerlakes Reuse or Significant Elements – Training Program

Ms. Bannister arrived at 1:44 p.m.

Accomplishments of the group are many, some of which have evolved into regional programs and taken on a life of their own:

- Support for Job Link and each other – ongoing

- Health Career Expo – Bi-annual event in October – taken on life of its own
- Educator in Workforce – Program needs review and support
- Industry Networking Event – Needs to become regional
- National Worker Readiness Credential – No longer being pursued in light of activities at State level
- Tech Career Connection – Has become regional event and taken on life of its own
- Career Quest
- Careers in Construction – Held in May of each year, has taken life of its own but has lost several key individuals over the last couple of year and may need support
- WIA Youth and SYEP RFP Release – ongoing
- WIB/Superintendent's meeting – held bi-annually
- Literacy Training for Youth Providers

Council members were asked to consider which items they could assist with for discussion at the next meeting.

Summer Youth Employment Program Update

Ms. Tabor reported the Ithaca Youth Bureau is serving 89 youth; 71 200%, 18 TANF. They are utilizing 53 worksites, 10 of which are private business. There have been 6 workshops held with 60 youth attending at least one workshop, which is a mandate of the program. She reported it is has been a very busy, but productive summer.

Ms. Brown reported the Office of Employment and Training is currently serving 88 participants. Four workshops have been held with an additional one this week. She reported they have had great worksites and providing wonderful experiences for youth this summer.

WIB Director Report

Ms. Mattick reported that she is looking at what will be needed to transition to WIOA. She noted that the focus will shift to serving 75 percent out-of-school youth. The NYSDOL will be rolling out a training plan next month as will NYATEP. She will provide updates as they become available.

Planning and Evaluation Committee Report

The group is reviewing the RFP that will be released in the fall. In light of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act being passed by Congress, there will need to be modifications and the RFP release date may change. The hope is that the WIA Youth and SYEP RFP's won't be released at the same time.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:27 p.m. The next Council meeting will be held September 9, 2014 at 1:30 p.m. at the One-Stop Center.