

## **WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD**

**NOVEMBER 15, 2011**

**8:30 A.M.      BORG WARNER ROOM – TC PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**PRESENT:** D. Bradac, R. Bantle, M. Coldren, P. Gardner, T. Grippen, A. Hendrix, J. Little, J. Mareane, E. O'Donnell, M. Stazi

**EXCUSED:** B. Blanchard, J. McPheeters, L. Patz, A. Pedersen, M. Turnbull, A. Bishop, R. Bohman, C. Haynes, D. Herath, L. Holmes, L. Leonard, P. McKee, M. Stamm

**ABSENT:** L. Dillon, B. Pass, P. Stein, M. TalarSKI

**GUESTS:** J. Bellis, Tompkins County Office of Employment and Training; S. Tabor, City of Ithaca Youth Bureau

**STAFF:** J. Mattick, Jennifer Luu

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Coldren called the meeting to order at 8:37 a.m.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

None

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Due to the lack of quorum, the minutes of October 25, 2011 were deferred to the January 2012 meeting.

### **WIB/SUPERINTENDENTS/PRINCIPALS MEETING**

Mr. Coldren and Ms. Mattick have met with Dr. O'Donnell to discuss hosting a meeting with local school superintendents and principals. A similar meeting was held in September 2008 to discuss how schools and the WIB could collaborate more closely to develop a pipeline of youth locally and keep young people in the area. Since that time, the WIB has been working to build off what they learned. Now would be a good a time to reconvene the group to bring them up to date on recent activities as well as continue the discussion on what additional steps can be taken. In addition, there have been several changes in personnel within the schools and it would provide an opportunity to make connections amongst those new people. The thought for this meeting would be to have smaller, more interactive groups where the youth survey results can be shared and a few framed questions can be discussed.

Dr. O'Donnell will be bringing this idea to the Superintendent's at their next meeting to get their thoughts.

Mr. Mareane stated that young people do not see employment options in local government and there are many opportunities and career tracks that are available.

Mr. Gardner spoke of an adopt a school program from an area where he lived previously, and it was very successful. Ms. Mattick suggested getting more information from an area where this is occurring to use as an example.

Dr. O'Donnell arrived at 8:57 a.m.

## **SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT 2011**

Janie Bellis from the Tompkins County Office of Employment and Training and Suki Tabor from the City of Ithaca Youth Bureau updated the Board on this year's successful youth employment program. Between the two organizations, it was possible to serve 135 youth this past summer; 56 within the City and 79 within the County. Work subsidies and non-work activities paid for youth totaled approximately \$170,000 of the \$193,800 received for the program.

## **WIB DIRECTOR'S/CENTER MANAGER'S REPORTS**

Ms. Bradac reported that the Society of Human Resource Managers (SHRM) will be hosting a seminar that relates to the legalities of employing young people. She also noted that on November 15-16, over 100 community members — representing government, business, community programs, individual entrepreneurs, foundations and investors will come together for the Building Bridges Summit being held at the Presbyterian Church. The goal is to strengthen relationships, develop a shared vision, and identify ways to build bridges between local sustainability and social justice efforts that will result in a socially just, resilient regional economy that preserves and maintains our natural environment

Ms. Mattick reported on information she received from the National Association of Workforce Boards regarding the congressional conversations and appropriations bills for labor and health and human services. She will continue to monitor the situation and if necessary she will be reaching out to Board members asking them to contact our local congressmen if WIA funding begins to be threatened.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:37a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for January 24, 2012 at 8:30 a.m. at the Tompkins County Public Library.