Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m.

Introductions and Announcements

None

WIB Director’s Report

Ms. Mattick reported that under the new Workforce Opportunity and Innovations Action the Youth Employment Council is not mandated and is not prescriptive. After conversations with the Executive Committee, they have indicated that they will be moving forward with a Council with the current membership along with additional members under the new law.

Ms. Lind arrived at 1:40 p.m.

Ms. Mattick noted that there has been no new information regarding the release of the regulations; however, she noted that there is new information being provided daily based on various entities interpretations. The federal government has indicated they expect to release the new regulations sometime this spring. She stated that she was able to attend a session conducted by the United States Department of Labor at the youth academy during the NYATEP conference which was very helpful. Regional and partnerships were a common theme and Memorandums of Understanding will be required with partners.

Ms. Hendrix arrived at 1:46 p.m.

Ms. Tabor arrived at 1:51

Industry Night

Ms. Hendrix reported April 2016 is the tentative date for the event. Discussions have focused on connecting Jr. and Sr. high school students and those who are not planning on going to college, to employers, as well as reconnecting youth who have become disconnected. Talks are underway on how to frame the event and updates will be provided when they become available.

Resource Guide-Youth Employment

Ms. Bradac, Ms. Tabor, and Ms. Bannister met to continue discussions about the resource guide. The current list was distributed and includes approximately 30 agencies that will require follow-up. Suggestions from today’s meeting will be incorporated and sent back out to the group with a request for individuals to indicate which agencies they are willing to follow-up with.

WIA Youth Quarterly Report

Ms. Brown distributed the 2nd quarter report. During the quarter 57 individuals participated, 34 in school and 23 out-of-school. Staff has begun moving toward the new regulations of serving more out-of-school youth and the numbers are expected to go up in the coming months. Staff has also been focusing on looking at exits and the numbers are rebounding nicely after staff changeovers in the first quarter. She noted that during the 2014 calendar year 108 youth were served in Job Link and 70% of them have obtained unsubsidized employment.

Ms. Brown stated that staffing changeovers are still occurring with one person leaving, but they are close to having an individual hired.
Performance and Evaluation Committee Update

Proposals received for the Summer Youth Employment Program are being reviewed by the Performance and Evaluation Committee. The Executive Committee, at their March 4 meeting, authorized the Executive Director to negotiate contracts once P&E completes their work. The WIB will be asked to approve this as well at their March 24th meeting.

The Request for Proposals for the WIA Youth Program is behind schedule because there are no regulations to write the RFP around. Ms. Mattick reported that WIOA allocations are expected in May this year, where in the past they have been received in February.

Announcement

Ms. Tabor announced she has accepted the position of Deputy Director at the Ithaca Youth Bureau she will keep the group informed about the transition and her replacement on the Council. The group congratulated Ms. Tabor on her promotion!!

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m. The next Council meeting will be held April 14, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. at the One-Stop Center.