

YOUTH OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

June 17, 2021

8:30 A.M.

Zoom Platform

PRESENT: K. Shanks-Booth, V. Zeppelin, S. Kittel

EXCUSED: T. Watts, C. Malcolm

GUEST:

STAFF: N. Branosky, S. Alvord, Diane Achilles

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Shanks-Booth called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 18, 2021

It was moved by Ms. Zeppelin and seconded by Ms. Kittel and unanimously adopted by voice vote of members present to approve the minutes of March 18, 2021.

March 29, 2021

It was moved by Ms. Zeppelin and seconded by Ms. Shanks-Booth and unanimously adopted by voice vote of members present to approve the minutes of March 29, 2021.

April 15, 2021

It was moved by Ms. Kittel and seconded by Ms. Zeppelin and unanimously adopted by voice vote of members present to approve the minutes of April 15, 2021.

May 20, 2021

It was moved by Ms. Zeppelin and seconded by Ms. Shanks-Booth and unanimously adopted by voice vote of members present to approve the minutes with modification of date of May 20, 2020.

SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT UPDATE

Ms. Alvord reported to the Youth Oversight Committee that the Board has received Summer Youth Employment Program allocation from OTDA. After negotiation with Department of Social Services and taking their percentage there is a decrease in our allocation due to the new methodology used to delegate money to each County. In 2021 the methodology was based on the 2020 census of youth in the age group/at or below 200% of the poverty line; Tompkins County has seen a decrease in that population count, which resulted in a decrease of SYEP funding by \$56,000.00. To cover this loss, Ms. Branosky shared that the Tompkins County

Workforce Development Board received a non-government funding from Park Foundation, United Way and Community Foundation in the amount of \$85,000.00. These funds will help with the SYEP program and additional funds for outreach to youth. The Board will reserve money for a research paper on best practices for youth and what it will look like.

Ms. Alvord will be working on contracts and will email them to Ithaca Youth Bureau and Office of Employment and Training.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Branosky reported that community members are choosing to stay at home or look for a new job opportunity instead of returning to their current employment. The United States has 22 southern and Midwest states that are moving forward with choosing not to release the \$300 stimulus for unemployment in an effort to have people return to work.

Ms. Branosky reported that the Board and Office of Employment and Training are in the process of budget season. The Board will make increases to correct cuts that were made in 2021 budget.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Shanks-Booth adjourned the meeting at 9:22 a.m.

The next full meeting is scheduled for July 15, 2021.