

## YOUTH EMPLOYMENT COUNCIL

MARCH 9, 2010

2:30 P.M.

SENECA ROOM – TST BOCES

**PRESENT:** B. Myers, N. Zook, J. Bellis, L. Schoffel, Y. Merritt, H. Cooper, V. Zeppelin, R. Pollack, B. Yarosh

**EXCUSED:** D. Bradac

**GUESTS:** P. Romantic, M. Smith, City of Ithaca Youth Employment Service

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

### **CALL TO ORDER:**

Ms. Myers called the meeting to order at 2:37 p.m. and introductions followed.

### **Teacher Intern Project - Update**

Ms. Zook stated she has met with Ms. Mattick to discuss potential job sites. The project will occur July 19-22, 2010 and work is underway to create educational materials to guide the teachers. The WIB, Tompkins County Are Development, and others are reaching out to area businesses for placement opportunities. The goal is to offer the program to ten teachers and the application will be sent out to schools April 1, 2010. Ms. Zeppelin stated she announced the program last week at the math taskforce meeting and it was enthusiastically received.

### **Upstate NY Biocareer Connections Update**

The event is scheduled for March 16, 2010 at Tompkins Cortland Community College. There are currently 107 participants registered from many different colleges across New York State.

### **Federal, State TANF funding for SYEP-Update & Discussion**

Federal and State funding at this point is uncertain. Lobbying is occurring with state leaders to have funding included in the State budget for the summer youth employment program as the governor did not include funding in his budget. Ms. Mattick stated she believes it is still necessary to release the Request for Proposals for the summer program with the program contingent on funding being received. The Performance and Evaluation Committee has met to review the specifications and they have suggested changes, which will be incorporated into the RFP. There was consensus of the group to move the release of the RFP to the Executive Committee for approval.

### **Other Business**

Ms. Myers stated the Groton Youth Commission is hosting a community forum on March 30, 2010 at 7 p.m. Kimberly McRae Friedman, Associate Director at Seven Valleys Council on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse will be presenting an overview of adolescent alcohol and drug abuse. Ms. Friedman presents the research conducted by others and provides training to parents, teachers and youth.

The Community Coalition for Healthy Youth is sponsoring Isabel Burke: "Pharmaceutical Drug Abuse in Youth & Alcohol and the Adolescent Brain" on March 19th at the Ramada Inn. Materials for both events will be sent out to Council members.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 3:22 p.m. The Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 27 2010 at 2:00 p.m. at BOCES.

Minutes prepared by Jennifer Luu.