

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT COUNCIL

April 12, 2011

2:00 P.M.

SENECA ROOM – TST BOCES

PRESENT: D. Bradac, Y. Merritt, V. Zeppelin, N. Zook, J. Bellis, L. Schoffel, S. Tabor, H. Cooper, R. Pollack

EXCUSED: M. Coldren, B. Yarosh

STAFF: J. Mattick, J. Luu

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting began at 2:03 p.m.

SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

The State has passed 15.5 million for summer youth. Tompkins County is expected to receive an allocation similar to 2010 or roughly \$165,000. Ms. Mattick stated she believes it might be higher this year because the methodology is a bit different this year and will not be taking any of the funds.

SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT – OTHER AGENCIES, MUNICIPALITIES

Ms. Tabor stated she expects 75-80 youth be served in the MJP program if all goes well with budgets, but this number could decrease down to as low as 40 depending on budget cuts. There is a summer employment group meeting tomorrow to get a better sense of what services will be able to be provided in the county this summer.

YOUTH ATTRACTION & RETENTION SURVEY

The survey has gone out and there are 353 responses so far. Most responses have come from the 25-29-age bracket and there is a need for more responses from the 14-17-age cohort.

UPSTATE NY BIOCAREER CONNECTION & EDUCATOR IN THE WORKPLACE UPDATE

The Biocareer Connection Fair was held on April 8, 2011 at Emerson Suites at Ithaca College. There were over 100 attendees and 14-15 exhibitors that had jobs available.

EDUCATOR IN THE WORKPLACE 2011

The program has been funded through the 13N regional grant for 2011 and will run during July 2011. It is hoped that 15 teachers will participate this year and the program is being opened up to all schools districts in our BOCES region as well as some Tioga County schools.

ITHACA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETINGS – UPDATE

Ms. Tabor reported she has met with Don Mills several times and he was very enthusiastic initially and a proposal was prepared outlining what a program could potentially look like. The group is waiting to hear back from Mr. Mills about possibilities.

OTHER

The continuing resolution has been authorized through the end of this week and WIA is intact at this point. There is a resolution moving forward that a voted is expected on this week, that includes a .02 percent reduction in youth funding.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:52 p.m. The next meeting will be held May 9, 2011 at 2 p.m. at BOCES. (The meeting was subsequently canceled.)