

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT COUNCIL

APRIL 27, 2010

2:00 P.M.

SENECA ROOM – TST BOCES

PRESENT: B. Myers, N. Zook, D. Bradac, L. Schoffel, H. Cooper, R. Pollack, B. Yarosh, J. Bellis, S. Tabor

EXCUSED: Y. Merritt, V. Zeppelin

STAFF: J. Mattick, J. Luu

CALL TO ORDER:

Ms. Myers called the meeting to order at 2:11 p.m. and introductions followed.

Teacher Intern Project - Update

Outreach to businesses continues and the flyer should be ready to go out to teachers in the next week. It was hoped that all of the employers would be lined up before the information went out to the teachers, but it may be necessary to provide additional information as it becomes available. This is a very exciting opportunity for teachers, providing them with first-hand knowledge of what is needed in local businesses with the goal being to transfer that information to curriculum in the classroom. The program will operate July 19-22, 2010.

Upstate NY Biocareer Connections Update

The event was held March 16, 2010 at Tompkins Cortland Community College. Nearly 85 individuals attended. There was a great group of employers on hand. Next year's event will be co-sponsored by the Consortium of Colleges which is a statewide organization. This will allow the information to get out to more colleges and busloads of students will be brought to the event next year.

Summer Youth Employment Program Funding Update

Ms. Mattick stated that on the federal level it is possible that summer youth employment funding could be added to the budget bill by Memorial Day. If passed, it is estimated that Tompkins County could receive \$180,000. It is unknown at this time when and if the TANF funding will be approved by the State. She noted that on a positive note there are a lot of people in the community talking about ways they can help.

There was discussion about unpaid internships running afoul of minimum wage laws and the fact that there is very specific criteria that must be met in order for an internship to be unpaid.

Summer Youth Employment Program Recommendations and Award of Contracts – Pending Receipt of Funding

Two proposals were received to operate the summer youth employment program, one from Tompkins County Office of Employment and Training and the second from the City of Ithaca Youth Employment Service. The Planning and Evaluation (P&E) Committee met and reviewed the proposals, there are some questions and both OET and YES will be contacted for clarification. One concern is whether additional youth will be able to be served should the funding increase. It was Moved by Ms. Schoffel, seconded by Ms. Zook and unanimously adopted by voice vote to move the P&E recommendations to the Executive Committee for approval and authorize the Executive Director to move forward with contacting the contractors with questions.

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Other Business

The World of Skills Job Fair is being held April 29, 2010 from 9 a.m. – Noon at the Holiday Inn.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:23 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 11, 2010, at 2:00 p.m. at BOCES. (The meeting was subsequently canceled.)

Minutes prepared by Jennifer Luu.