

OCTOBER 11, 2011

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT COUNCIL

2:00 P.M.

SENECA SMART ROOM – TST BOCES

PRESENT: D. Bradac, L. Schoffel, H. Cooper, K. Lind, J. Bellis,

EXCUSED: B. Yarosh, M. Coldren, V. Zeppelin, N. Zook, S. Tabor, R. Pollack

STAFF: J. Mattick, J. Luu

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting began at 2:05 p.m.

Performance & Evaluation Committee Update

The Performance and Evaluation Committee has met and began discussing the youth request for proposals for the period July 1, 2012-June 30, 2014. Ms. Mattick was asked to research what is being done in other workforce investment areas and the group will be meeting again November 3, 2011. The Executive Committee has approved the extension of the contract with the Office of Employment and Training through June 30, 2012. The Request for Proposals will be released in early January 2012 with a due date mid-February, then within a few days the Summer Youth RFP will also go out to allow providers ample opportunity to respond to both programs.

Data Collection – Youth Served, Volunteer Opportunities Created, Internships Created, What Couldn't Be Done

There was discussion at the June meeting that in light of the reduced funding it is important to review data around how many youth could be served as well as those who were not. In addition it would also be helpful to look at how things are being done differently to maximize the funding and what is no longer possible. How referral occurred and what other non-subsidized activities are occurring. The group continued their discussion and the following list was created on what areas should be reported:

- Number of youth served/number supported
- Changes in target age group
- Number of programs that are income based
- What tightened criteria was used
- Ways programs have changed to adapt to reduced funding
- What opportunities/activities were not done versus last year
- Total amount of funding paid out between years
- Impacts to schools

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Mattick reported an Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) grant has been submitted by six WIBs in 12 counties across the Southern Tier totaling \$450,000. The grant will be used to replicate promising practice programs for transitioning high school students to college or GED to college. She stated statistics show that 57% of first time college students need remedial classes upon entrance. She also noted that more employers are requiring basic skills tests for employment and individuals are failing those classes at an alarming rate.

The Biocareer Connection Event is once again being held at Ithaca College on April 3, 2012. The event is aimed at college students to provide an opportunity for them to see what careers exist in the region.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m. The next meeting will be held November 8, 2011 at 2 p.m. at BOCES. (That meeting was subsequently canceled)