

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT COUNCIL

OCTOBER 12, 2010

2:00 P.M.

SENECA ROOM – TST BOCES

PRESENT: M. Coldren, N. Zook, D. Bradac, L. Schoffel, H. Cooper, S. Tabor, Y. Merritt, R. Pollack

EXCUSED: V. Zeppelin, B. Yarosh, J. Bellis

GUESTS: K. Coleman, County Youth Services

STAFF: J. Mattick, J. Luu

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Coldren called the meeting to order at 2:16 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of September 14, 2010 were accepted as written.

Educator in the Workplace

The Educator in the Workplace was a collaborative effort of the Workforce Investment Board, TST BOCES and TC3 Tech Prep that was held in early July. Five teachers were placed in local businesses and then they developed curriculum to be implemented in their classrooms. Everyone was pleased with the process and feedback from the teachers and businesses was very positive. The group will reconvene November 30th to discuss implementation of lesson plans in the classroom. The group reviewed the news story that Channel 34 produced relating to the program. It is hoped that additional resources can be identified that will allow for the continuation and expansion of the program in upcoming years.

STEM Careers Training

Ms. Mattick and Ms. Zook recently participated in a superintendent's conference in Norwich, NY that brought together teachers and businesses to discuss STEM careers. The event contained a panel of business leaders and lesson planning in the course of a one-day period. Ms. Mattick will reach out to the Director of the Chemung Delaware Otsego Workforce Investment Board to see how their group was established and their leadership team formed.

2011 Summer Youth Employment Program Update

At the last meeting there was discussion about looking at ways to get youth into jobs that are not subsidized. It was noted that there would need to be layers of strategies because there isn't a one size fits all that will work. Suggestions for additional exploration included creating an odd jobs campaign, CSA-gardening, creating volunteer crew opportunities, and working on youth entrepreneurship and apprenticeships. It was the thought that the Council could map out what is currently occurring so gaps can be identified and the WIB and the Chamber can act as a conduit to reach out to businesses. Moving forward, resources will need to be identified and the group was asked to bring ideas to the November meeting.

Other Business

The Health Career Expo will take place on October 14th with over 475 youth expected to participate. Volunteers are still needed for the event.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 9, 2010, at 2 p.m. at BOCES.