

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT COUNCIL

November 9, 2010

2:00 P.M.

SENECA ROOM – TST BOCES

PRESENT: M. Coldren, N. Zook, D. Bradac, L. Schoffel, , S. Tabor, Y. Merritt, J. Bellis
EXCUSED: V. Zeppelin, B. Yarosh, H. Cooper, R. Pollack
GUESTS: K. Coleman, County Youth Services
STAFF: J. Mattick, J. Luu

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Coldren called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of October 12, 2010 were accepted as written.

Health Career Expo

The event occurred on October 14, 2010 with 433 students from 18 schools attending. The student and exhibitor feedback indicated the event was very well received and a debriefing meeting is scheduled for November 15, 2010.

Youth Entrepreneurship Models

The group discussed various entrepreneurship models such as the Junior Achievement Chapter and Youth Entrepreneurship Academy. Entrepreneurial studies are growing at universities and the possibility of reviewing curriculum was also discussed. The Junior Achievement model has curriculum-based programs that can be beneficial and having someone from that organization present at a future meeting may be an option.

2011 Summer Youth Employment Program

With limited funding expected for youth programming in 2011, current opportunities will need to be mapped out and discussions held about what can be done in the community to fill the gaps. Ms. Schoffel stated she believes a central focus is needed that is notable which provides unpaid work experience. Current budget cuts are decimating municipal jobs programs and Ms. Coleman stated there will not be paid employment through municipalities until there is a process in place for fundraising to offset program costs. Programs will need to be very creative when looking at summer work opportunities.

There was discussion about a private jobs campaign and the need to begin outreach early while this past summer is still fresh and businesses are moving forward. It was decided that a JobNet presentation will be given at future meeting.

There was also discussion about gaining a fresh perspective in January, when budgets are known.

Future Meeting Dates

The group decided to hold its next meeting January 11, 2011 at 2 p.m. at BOCES. Ms. Tabor agreed to give a JobNet presentation. The group will also review the age ranges that were served during summer 2010. The group will also review information relating to a Junior Achievement Chapter.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:09 p.m.