

YOUTH OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

JUNE 27, 2016

2:30 A.M.

PARK FOUNDATION CONFERENCE ROOM

PRESENT: A. Hendrix, I V. Zeppelin, S. Kittel,

EXCUSED: I. Burbank, R. Pollack, S. Peake, C. Weems

STAFF: J. Mattick, J. Luu

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Hendrix called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the March 9, March 18, and April 11 and May 11, 2016 were deferred.

SUMMER YOUTH UPDATE

The contracts with budget amendments are out to providers for signatures. The contract with Challenge Workforce Solutions has milestones built into it specifically around participant wage and fringe expenditures. Ms. Mattick and Ms. Weems attended orientation today with the Office of Employment and Training. There were some very good things included as well as some recommendations made for improvement. Ms. Weems and Theresa Albert from Ithaca Youth Services attended the orientation at the Ithaca Youth Bureau. Programs are progressing well so far and by next week most youth will start at their worksites. Ms. Weems is also doing monitoring of the Town of Ithaca Youth Program as part of her duties with Tompkins County Youth Services and will be conducting it in the same manner as the county's youth employment program.

Ms. Zeppelin arrived at 2:47 p.m.

DISCUSS PROCESS USED TO IDENTIFY GAPS IN SERVICES AND OBTAIN FEEDBACK FROM PROVIDERS

REVIEW YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SPREADSHEET CREATED IN 2014-2015

The group reviewed the resource guide that was created in 2014-2015.

REVIEW YOUTH SURVEY RESULTS - YOUTH EMPLOYMENT RESOURCE TEAM

The group reviewed results from the Youth Employment Resource Team (YERT) survey. Youth were asked 5-7 questions. The group acts as a networking group and will be meeting in July to discuss a "case" and sharing ideas and brainstorming as a group. This has proven very helpful. They are also developing a social media piece to be used by the group for current "real-time" cases. Ms. Zeppelin stated home school counselors should be involved to get them connected to resources.

Ms. Mattick stated she will look in to the youth labor participation and idleness rates. She believes she can obtain the information from the Department of Labor. It was noted that better data that filters out the college students is needed to assess need. It would be helpful to know the eligible population at or below 250% of poverty, race, school district and disability. Some of this information may be obtainable from school report cards. Does Challenge Workforce Solutions or TST BOCES have data that shows numbers of youth graduating with high school diploma vs. credential? Ms. Mattick agreed to ask Martha Armstrong about the data that she is working on providing to the WFDB Chair, Derek Burrows. She noted she will also be talking to WBA about conducting a survey regarding labor force participation. There are also resources available at Cornell that can be utilized. Items of interest in a survey include the number of youth without a high school diploma or credential and the number of youth in facilities. If the data can be obtained this will help justify being specific with the individuals we want to be served in youth employment programs.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 10, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. WFDB Conference Room. **The meeting was canceled and rescheduled to Wednesday, September 14, 2016 at 8:15 a.m. in WFDB Conference Room.**