

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT COUNCIL

JANUARY 14, 2014

1:30 P.M.

ONE-STOP CONFERENCE ROOM

PRESENT: A. Hendrix, M. Lyons, A. Brown, C. Behar, D. Bradac, S. Tabor, R. Pollack, H. Cooper, A. Pape
EXCUSED: J. Bellis, K. Lind, V. Zeppelin, J. Herbert, D. Osborne, L. Schoffel
GUESTS: P. Angie, Tompkins County DSS
STAFF: J. Mattick, J. Luu

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m. and introductions followed. The group welcomed Allana Pape from DSS, who is replacing Mr. Angie.

February 11, 2014 - WIB/School District Administrators Meeting

A joint meeting is being held on February 11, 2014 between the Workforce Investment Board and School District Administrators. The meeting will be used to spotlight the educators in the workplace initiative as well as continue the discussion about how schools and businesses can continue to work together. Council members were invited to attend and were asked to RSVP to Jennifer.

Performance & Evaluation Committee Update

The Performance and Evaluation Committee will be meeting this week to review and discuss the 2014 Summer Youth Employment Program Request for Proposals. They will also be reviewing the performance of the Office of Employment and Training and the WIA Youth Program and will be making a recommendation on the one-year extension of that contract.

Subcommittee Report Outs

Committee 1: Heather Cooper

The group planned and delivered a youth and industry networking event at Newfield High School between 24 agencies and graduating seniors who are interested in joining the workforce after high school. The school principal was very supportive and helpful with the event. The participating organizations thought the event very well and it is hoped that more students can get involved in the future. TST BOCES has expressed interest in having it held on the TST campus next year.

Committee 2: Amie Hendrix

The goal of the group is to have a teacher professional development day in March 2014 to help teachers get career information into their curriculum development by assisting them with lesson planning. The group will decide following the event if it was successful and if it is something that should continue.

Committee 3: Diane Bradac

The Committee had refocused its efforts on marketing and reaching out to employers so they better understand the National Work Readiness Credential (NWRC). At the same time there has been momentum around schools looking at the National Employability Skills Credential (NESC). The NWRC is a WIA performance measure and a project assistant has been hired to work with WIA youth.

The group has been discussing whether it is beneficial to continue until more is known about the NESC. More information is needed to know what is being required in schools. The suggestion was made to have Kristin Martin from TST BOCES attend a future meeting.

Subcommittee Structure Conversation/Evaluation

There was discussion about reviewing the subcommittee structures and evaluating them for their effectiveness to see if they should continue. The committee charges will be brought to the February meeting for review.

1st Quarter WIA Youth Update

The quarterly update was distributed (included at the end of the minutes). The program is on track to meet its goals for the year.

Summer Youth Employment Campaign

Ms. Mattick stated that there are many different summer youth employment models and some counties push these programs year-round in their communities in order to get more youth to participate. She has contacted NYATEP who will be soliciting ideas for her from other workforce investment areas. Information will be provided at future meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 2:28 p.m. The next Council meeting will be held February 11, 2014 at 1:30 p.m. at the One-Stop Center.