

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT COUNCIL

April 7, 2014

2:30 P.M.

ONE-STOP CONFERENCE ROOM

PRESENT: A. Hendrix, M. Lyons, D. Bradac, S. Tabor, H. Cooper, J. Bellis, K. Lind
EXCUSED: R. Pollack, A. Pape, V. Zeppelin, J. Herbert, D. Osborne
STAFF: J. Mattick, J. Luu

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:32 p.m.

Performance & Evaluation Committee

Summer Youth Update

The Performance and Evaluation Committee has reviewed and revamped the 2014 Summer Youth Employment Program Request for Proposals. Proposals were due back by March 12, 2014 and three organizations responded and all three will be awarded contracts; negotiations are currently underway.

WIA Youth Contractor Review and Recommendation Update

The Performance and Evaluation Committee will be meeting the first part of May to review the WIA Youth contract and performance to date. The RFP allowed for a one-year extension through June 30, 2015.

Summer Youth Employment Campaign

The summer youth providers met last week to discuss this summer's programs. There have been discussions about increasing the number of private employers to leverage additional funding. At this time Cayuga Heights and the Town of Ithaca are being targeted. There have been discussions regarding a buy-one, get-one campaign with funding going through Cooperative Extension because they are a 501c3 organization. The premise would be to get employers to pay for one youth and get second youth position funded using county money.

NYATEP Youth Academy Report Out

Ms. Bellis reported the NYATEP Youth Academy was a success. There was a lot of emphasis this year on collaboration with partners and using social media as a tool for interaction with youth. Gerald Richards, CEO of 826 National was the keynote speaker. 826 National is a nonprofit organization that offers a variety of inventive programs that provide under resourced students, ages 6-18, with opportunities to explore their creativity and improve their writing skills.

Local/State Budget Impacts on Youth Serving Agencies

Ms. Hendrix reported there has been some discussion about combining all youth funding levels into one this year. There will be a lot of competition for IURA funding and funding for runaway and homeless youth has been reduced. Bridges funding will be also be open competitive this year.

The County 2015 budget could see considerable cuts. There is more pressure by homeowners to stay within the tax cap, and the current budget already exceeds the cap.

February 11, 2014 - WIB/School District Administrators Meeting Updates

The group discussed the results of the survey that was conducted following the WIB/School District Administrators meeting. A joint group will be convened consisting of WIB members, School Administrators and Youth Employment Council members to refine the list of priorities. Council

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members decided to meet in May to have discussions about the upcoming year's work plan and tying their work to the priorities of the WIB/school administrators.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m. The next Council meeting will be held May 14, 2014 at 2:30 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Jennifer Luu