

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT COUNCIL

APRIL 9, 2013

1:30 P.M.

ONE-STOP CONFERENCE ROOM

PRESENT: A. Hendrix, K. Lind, S. Tabor, D. Bradac, J. Bellis, L. Schoffel, H. Cooper, D. Osborne,
N. Zook, R. Pollack
EXCUSED: V. Zeppelin, J. Herbert
STAFF: J. Mattick, J. Luu

Call to Order

The meeting began at 1:33 p.m. and introductions followed.

Announcements

Ms. Bradac reported on a new on-ramp program at TC3 that is for adult CNA and HHA's focusing on how to deal with difficult situations. It is a partnership between TC3, OET, the Community Dispute Resolution Center and the Visiting Nurse Service.

She also reported on a new program being offered by the New York State Department of Labor, "Work for Success", that provides tax credits to businesses hiring formerly incarcerated individuals.

Ms. Schoffel arrived at 1:37 p.m.

Upstate NY Tech Career Connection Report Out

The Tech Career Connection event was held at Ithaca College on April 2, 2013. Over 50 employers and 150 individuals from across upstate New York attended the event. Individuals attending know that internships are critical and a lot of positions are acquired through networking even if there aren't jobs currently available.

Ms. Pollack arrived at 1:40 p.m.

Performance and Evaluation Committee – SYEP Recommendation

Ms. Schoffel reported the Committee met April 8th and reviewed the proposals that were received from the City of Ithaca Youth Employment Service and the Tompkins County Office of Employment and Training. Each program is planning to serve approximately 90 youth this summer. The Committee decided that outcomes are needed in the future and they will be working on those. They also had a few questions for each provider that Ms. Mattick will be seeking clarification on.

It was noted that final allocations have not been received and OTDA expects to get the information out by May 1st. An allocation of approximately \$300,000 is expected for Tompkins County.

It was Moved by Ms. Schoffel, seconded by Ms. Cooper and adopted by voice vote of members present with Ms. Bradac, Ms. Bellis, and Ms. Tabor abstaining, to authorize the Executive Director to move forward with negotiations pending final funding allocations being made available.

NYATEP YOUTH ACADEMY UPDATE/REPORT/THOUGHTS

Nancy Zook and Meghan Guerra from County Youth Services were awarded scholarships to attend the Youth Academy and Ms. Bellis from the Office of Employment and Training as well as other OET youth staff also attended. They reported there is new energy at NYATEP with the new leadership and the academy was an inspiring event. There were discussions about the new requirements for obtaining the GED. The test has been revamped in New York State and NYS is ahead of the curve. There will be a cost associated with the new test in 2014, so people who are

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ready for testing now should get it taken care of. There was also a presentation about the importance of one on one relationships with clients. A survey conducted in New York City shows that these relationships are critical for success with employers.

COMMITTEE REPORT OUTS

Committee 1 whose task was to engage high school aged parents in a conversation about the world of work is looking at piggybacking off work currently being done within the Newfield Schools. Committee 2 is still discussing ways teachers can be assisted in getting career readiness information into their curriculums without increasing the burden on teachers. Committee 3 has been working on the National Worker Readiness Credential and they have created brochures for teachers and businesses. They are looking at having 15 students work on the credential. The group is also reaching out to additional businesses for pilot sites for the credential.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m. The next Council meeting will be held June 11, 2013 at 1:30 p.m. at the One-Stop Center.