

**YOUTH EMPLOYMENT COUNCIL**

**September 9, 2014**

**2:30 P.M.**

**ONE-STOP CONFERENCE ROOM**

PRESENT: A. Hendrix, S. Tabor, K. Lind, A. Pape, A. Brown

EXCUSED: H. Cooper, B. Bannister, D. Bradac, M. Lyons, V. Zeppelin, J. Herbert, D. Osborne, R. Pollack

STAFF: J. Mattick, J. Luu

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 1:36 p.m.

**Introductions and Announcements**

A career/internship/volunteer fair is being held October 8<sup>th</sup> at the Shops at Ithaca Mall. The Health Career Expo will be held on October 16, 2014 at Ithaca College. Over 400 students and chaperones are expected to attend. The Computing Center is a sponsor this year and their contribution will help offset the cost of lunches. Additional sponsorship opportunities are also available.

**Review from Strategic Planning Session**

The retreat summary was distributed and is included at the end of the minutes.

Themes that evolved from the story spine activity at the retreat included:

- Apprenticeships
- Programs
- Supporting youth with disabilities
- Collaborate among YE providers
- Specific resource for youth? Parents? Families?

From that exercise, three areas of focus evolved:

- Partnerships and Collaborations – how to engage more people with YEC
- Resource for Youth Employment – guide for community on YE
- Programs for YE (Apprenticeships) - what are the program gaps and what can we develop to overcome them

The group continued to brainstorm partners to have at the table as well as get ideas on who can help support the various initiatives. The group will work to define the goals of the apprenticeship program and resource guide at their next meeting. Individuals/organizations that need to be invited noted with \*\*

<b>Program/Services</b>	<b>Current Status</b>	<b>How often</b>	<b>Potential Need from YEC</b>	<b>Who can commit their time, energy, resources, to this?</b>
<b>Support and Information Sharing</b> for one another around Youth Employment	Ongoing		Integral component of YEC	<b>All</b>
<b>Health Career Expo:</b> Expo for high school students to expose them to careers in the health field.	Small planning group	Bi-Annual Event in October each year	volunteers at the event, members of planning group	<b>Diane Bradac Amie Brown Amie Hendrix</b>
<b>Industry Networking Event:</b> An event for youth to learn about different industries in Tompkins County as well as meet with recruiters.	?	1st occurred last year	Organization of event, should it be regional?	<b>Heather Cooper Barry Derfel</b>
<b>WIA Youth and SYEP RFP &amp; Monitoring:</b> YEC recommends and monitors funding for summer youth employment programming and workforce innovations opportunity act youth funds.	Ongoing	Ongoing	Component of YEC and what the group must do	<b>Amy Brown Victoria Zeppelin Rachelle Pollack Sue Kittel**</b>
<b>WIB/Superintendent's Meeting:</b> Meeting between the two groups to discuss ways that schools and businesses can support one another in preparing students for careers.	Planned by YEC Chair, WIB Chair, Super. Of TST	Bi-annual	Attendance, support in planning	<b>Heather Cooper</b>

<b>Careers in Construction:</b> Career fair for high school aged youth around construction and other trade work.	Small planning group	?	Needs support from others; current planning group needs help	<b>Diane Bradac Beth Bannister</b>
<b>Apprenticeship Building:</b> Creating opportunities for apprenticeships/interns for area youth.	Idea from Retreat			<b>Heather Cooper Diane Bradac Kathy Lind Nagiane Lacka** Sue Kittel** Karen Coleman** Learning Web**</b>
<b>Youth Employment Resources for Parents, Youth, Youth Workers:</b> A resource for people searching for youth employment – electronic, paper, other.	Idea from Retreat			<b>Diane Bradac Beth Bannister Suki Tabor</b>
<b>Careerquest:</b> A teacher conference day topic to provide teachers with tools to use in their classrooms to infuse career readiness into their curriculums.	Postponed	New Initiative	Organizing	
<b>Literacy Training for Youth Providers</b>	No longer happening			
<b>National Career Readiness:</b> Credential used to gauge a person's readiness in mathematics, writing, and behavioral skills and identify a minimum threshold.	No longer being pursued by YEC			
<b>Tech Career Connection:</b> Regional event to introduce college aged youth to careers in the technical industry in the region.	Regional Event	Bi-Annual	Taken on life of its own outside YEC	
<b>Educator in Workplace:</b> training for teachers in the summer to learn about 21st Century Careers. Teachers are immersed in businesses and then craft a lesson plan based on their experiences.	Not enough participants in 2014	Annual in summer	Review of program, support of implementation, recruitment of teachers	

### WIB Director Report

Ms. Mattick stated there is not a summer youth employment program update on today's agenda. The Program is finishing up, program monitoring is underway and she expects to have those reports out in the next few weeks. An in-depth report including the new requirements/benchmarking will occur at the November Council meeting.

Ms. Mattick reported that she is looking at what will be needed to transition to WIOA. She stated the focus shifts to serving 75 percent out-of-school youth. Interim regulations are expected in December/January 2015. She noted that current youth being served cannot be moved out of the program, they need to transition in order to meet performance requirements. She will continue to provide updates as they become available.

### Planning and Evaluation Committee Report

The group is reviewing the WIA RFP that was slated to be released this fall. In light of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act being passed by Congress, there will need to be modifications because substantial changes are expected with the new regulations. The RFP release date will likely change, but it is hoped that the WIA Youth and SYEP RFP's won't be released at the same time.

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**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 2:27 p.m. The next Council meeting will be held October 14, 2014 at 1:30 p.m. at the One-Stop Center.