

JANUARY 12, 2012

**YOUTH EMPLOYMENT COUNCIL
2:00 P.M.**

SENECA SMART ROOM – TST BOCES

PRESENT: A. Hendrix, D. Bradac, S. Tabor, K. Lind, J. Bellis, L. Schoffel, B. Yarosh, R. Pollack

EXCUSED: V. Zeppelin, H. Cooper,

STAFF: J. Mattick, J. Luu

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting began at 2:03 p.m.

INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Amie Hendrix, Director of County Youth Services was introduced. Ms. Hendrix has agreed to Chair the Council for the coming year.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS – WIA YOUTH PROGRAM – JULY 1, 2012 – JUNE 30, 2014

The Executive Committee approved the release of the RFP at their January 3, 2012 meeting and it was released on January 4th. Proposals are due to County Purchasing by 11 a.m. on Tuesday, February 14th. Legal notices were placed in the Ithaca Journal, on the Human Services List Serv, and the County Purchasing and Central NY Purchasing websites. Notice has also been sent to the RFP list that is maintained by WIB office. It is expected that approximately \$300,000 will be made available and contracts will be contingent on funds availability. Contracts will be issued for a two-year period with an option for a one-year extension. The Performance and Evaluation Committee will review the proposals prior to the March 13th Council meeting and the Workforce Investment Board will be asked to act on contract(s) at their meeting on March 27th.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS – SYEP - MAY 1, 2012 – SEPTEMBER 31, 2012

Ms. Mattick stated the RFP for Summer Youth Employment is expected to be released around February 21st and she will seek permission from the Council at their February meeting. Proposals will be due March 20th with awards occurring on April 5th. She noted this is the first year where she expects to know what the County's allocation will be prior to April 1st, and from what is known at this time she expects the allocation to be approximately \$190,000, which is the same as 2011.

Ms. Pollack arrived at 2:17 p.m.

2012 MEETING FREQUENCY, DATES, LOCATION

The group decided to move the location of meetings to the WIB Conference room downtown. The group decided to focus the February Meeting on 2012 Planning and a Work Plan before making the decision on frequency of meetings.

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE – UPSTATE NY BIOCAREER CONNECTION, HEALTH CAREERS EXPO

Ms. Mattick reported that planning is well underway for the Upstate NY Biocareer Connection event scheduled for April 3, 2012 at Emerson Suites at Ithaca College.

Ms. Mattick reported that planning has begun for the Health Career Expo in October 2012. That event is also being held at Emerson Suites at Ithaca College. Notices will be going out to schools this spring.

OTHER

Ms. Mattick stated the Governor's economic development package includes funds for youth employment such as tax credits for employers. She previously thought that this would be an option for Tompkins County businesses, but this is not the case, and the credits will only be applied in certain areas of the State. She stated it is unclear if there will be any additional funds available aside from the \$25 million that is currently known.

Ms. Bradac asked if it would be possible to have an update from Rural Youth Services around the work they are doing in schools. Ms. Hendrix stated a study is being completed by County Youth Services that will include the work being done by Rural Youth Services, but it won't be available until late spring. It will be brought to a future meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:03 p.m. The next meeting will be held February 14, 2012 at 2 p.m. at the WIB Office, 401 East State Street, Suite 402B Ithaca.