

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT COUNCIL

FEBRUARY 14, 2012

2:00 P.M.

WIB CONFERENCE ROOM

PRESENT: A. Hendrix, D. Bradac, H. Cooper, S. Tabor, K. Lind, J. Bellis, L. Schoffel

EXCUSED: B. Yarosh, V. Zeppelin, R. Pollack

STAFF: J. Mattick, J. Luu

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting began at 2:06 p.m.

INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The group introduced themselves.

Ms. Bradac provided two handouts that the group may find useful; the first about the Foodstamps Employment and Training Program and the second relating to the Educational Resources Program.

Ms. Cooper announced on February 29, 2012 from 8-11 a.m. she is hosting mock interviewing for HHA and CNA graduating students. This is a wonderful opportunity for students and she encouraged anyone who has time they can give, to participate.

Ms. Zook and Heather Sheridan Thomas have been working on grants to fund the teacher in the workplace initiative.

Ms. Bradac announced Sister Friends, a program that supports women through empowerment and celebration, is having an event on March 15 from 10-2 p.m.

Ms. Mattick announced the meeting with the WIB and school superintendents and principals has been scheduled for April 20, 2012 8:15-11 a.m. at the Ithaca Country Club.

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

The Request for Proposals is expected to be released February 21st with a return date of March 20, 2012. The amount of funding is expected to remain static from 2011 at approximately \$190,000 and eligibility requirements are expected to be the same. The release will be contingent on funds becoming available. Due to timing issues, the Executive Committee approved the release prior to it coming to the Council. The group discussed other funding that is potentially available within the community, but there isn't a lot available and it is expected that 250 youth will be served across various programs this summer.

2012 PLANNING

The group began discussions about what projects they would like to undertake in the next year. Some items that have come out of the Council in the past include the Health Career Expo for high school students, the Biocareer Connection event that is held annually and the Teacher in the Workplace Initiative. Additionally, the Council is responsible for overseeing the RFP for the WIA Youth Program as well as program performance. It was decided that discussions will continue at future meetings.

2012 MEETING FREQUENCY AND DATES

There was consensus that while the group is deciding on what future direction to take, they would like to continue meeting monthly. A new location downtown will be sought, and the meetings will be held the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 2 p.m.

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m. The next meeting will be held March 13, 2012 at 2 p.m. with the location to be determined.

Minutes prepared by Jennifer Luu