

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT COUNCIL

AUGUST 14, 2012

1:30 P.M.

ONE-STOP CONFERENCE ROOM

PRESENT: A. Hendrix, H. Cooper, D. Bradac, J. Bellis, K. Lind, D. Osborne, S. Tabor, N. Zook

EXCUSED: R. Pollack, V. Zeppelin

STAFF: J. Luu

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting began at 1:37 p.m. Undersheriff Derek Osborne was welcomed to the group and introductions followed.

SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM UPDATE

Ms. Mattick provided an overview of the program for Mr. Osborne.

Ms. Tabor stated YES currently has 93 participants, 75 of whom are 200% eligible and 18 who are receiving Family Assistance. Four of the twelve summer staff are finishing up their responsibilities and some worksites will be complete this week.

Ms. Bellis reported that in addition to the full-time youth staff employed by the Office of Employment and Training, three summer staff have been hired for the program and they are winding up their responsibilities. The Office of Employment and Training has 87 youth enrolled at 38 worksites; 71 are 200% eligible, 6 are receiving Family Assistance, and ten are in facilities. Each participant will participate in a pre and post-work assessment as well as a career interest inventory while in the program. Approximately 70 percent of budgeted wages have been expended to date and some individuals will continue working into September.

Nancy Zook arrived at 1:46 p.m.

HEALTH CAREER EXPO

The Health Career Expo is being planned for October 18, 2012 from 9-1 p.m. at Ithaca College. Early emails have gone out to the schools and a follow-up will go out after school begins. This event is a great collaboration of many organizations and has steadily grown over the years. GST BOCES, who has a very well developed school-to-work program, has contacted us this year and would like to bring over 100 students. We need volunteers!

EDUCATOR IN THE WORKPLACE REPORT OUT

Ms. Zook stated the program is in its third year and is a collaboration of the Workforce Investment Board, County Youth Services and TST BOCES. The Workforce Investment Board paid the teacher stipends and for Ms. Zook's time. TST BOCES provided technical assistance on curriculum development. Seven teachers participated this year and each spent time with an employer in the community as well as worked on curriculum development to bring what they learned back into their classrooms.

Ms. Mattick reported that the WIB's Executive Committee has been discussing having a recognition event for the teachers and participating businesses at the November 27, 2012 WIB meeting. There will also be discussions in the coming months about additional steps that can be taken to get a higher level of participation from both businesses and teachers.

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SUBSIDIZED YOUTH EMPLOYMENT FIGURES 2008-2012

Ms. Mattick reported there was a question by the Community Foundation about the amount of money that was spent by agencies on subsidized employment annually between 2008-2012. When she started to ask the question of agencies, it was discovered that there wasn't a standard definition of subsidized employment being used. Some organizations may have included activities other than work in those figures. She will be working with agencies to firm up the definition in order to get a clearer sense on the amount of subsidized employment opportunities created for Summer 2012.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP-FOLLOW UP

Mr. Osborne has joined the group – Thank You!

Ms. Bellis is working with a participant she believes will be a good addition, but he is currently working with a summer camp and unavailable for the next few weeks. The group also discussed reaching out to GIAC, they have two staff who have youth in the Job Link Program. Additional options include the counselor from Ithaca High School and a representative from Learning Web. Ms. Mattick will be reaching out to the Ithaca Housing Authority. Ms. Tabor reported she may have a couple of former participants who would be willing to participate and she will reach out with them if needed.

WIB YOUTH PIPELINE POSITION

There have been early discussions about the need for a part time position to work on youth pipeline development. There is support from WIB Chair Mark Coldren and County Administrator Joe Mareane, but there are still many details, funding being one, that need to be discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:48 p.m. The next meeting will be held September 11, 2012 at 1 p.m. at the One-Stop Center.