

Workforce Investment Full Board Meeting

July 26, 2011

Smith Advocacy Center, RCIL

Committee Members Present:

Amy Turner, David Mathis, John Tracy, Patrick Costello, Wilber Allen, Gary Scalzo, Lorraine Schmidtka, Karin Zipko, Ervin Fuller, James Wallace, Philip Williams, Mark Fean', Barbara Schram, Burt Danovitz, Dean Moore, Mark Vivacqua', Kathleen Rinaldo, Randy Van Wagoner

Call to Order:

Gary Scalzo called the meeting to order at 8:34 AM.

Introduction of New Board Members:

Kathleen Rinaldo- Director, BOCES Consortium of Continuing Education

Dean Moore- Human Resource Director, Marquardt Switches (Cazenovia)

Randy Van Wagoner- President, Mohawk Valley Community College

Conflict of Interest Forms:

Conflicts of interest forms need to be signed for the new program year from every board member. Please sign and return to Alice or Tanya ASAP.

Consent Agenda:

Executive Committee Meeting minutes from April 25, 2011 and Financial Report for May 2011
Approved.....M/S John Tracy/Phil Williams

Guest Speaker-Flossie Mitchell, Director, the Young Scholars LLP-

Flossie was also the Former Hamilton College Dean of Students; she has been employed with Young Scholars for 7 years.

The Young Scholars LPP (YSLPP) is a collaborative project between Utica College and the Utica City School District that was launched in 1993 in Utica, New York. The multi-year program is designed by School District and College officials to meet the challenge of motivating teenage students to stay in school, earn a New York State Regents Diploma with the Advanced Designation, and pursue post-secondary education. The students are identified by their teachers as having the potential to succeed. Utica City School District teachers nominate sixth-grade students who are identified as possessing the potential for success in secondary and post-secondary school, but who may not achieve their full potential due to various social and economic risk factors. Each year, the Young Scholars LPP provides services to over 300 students that represent six cohort groups (grades 7 through 12). Because parents and guardians play a vital role in their children's educational development, they are encouraged to take part in Program activities designed to provide ongoing support for and encouragement to participating students. Parents and guardians also have the opportunity to pursue their own personal development through Utica College Continuing Education courses and specially planned workshops held at the College. Also, the demographics of the YSLPP are reflective of Utica itself. The ethnicity of the YSLPP students includes African-American, Hispanic/Latin, Asian, Native American, and White/Non Hispanic, including recent immigrants from Bosnia, Russia, Belarus, the Ukraine, Myanmar, Somalia and the Sudan. If you have questions or would like more info about the Young Scholars program please contact **Flossie Mitchell @ Utica College.**

Governance/Nominating Report-Approved.....M. Vivacqua'/P. Costello

The Governance Nominating committee met on June 27, 2011, they have set a schedule for the upcoming year, there recruiting new members. The meetings will run every other month on the last Thursday of the month; the next meeting will be August 25, 2011 @ 8:30 a.m. at ConMed. Also, there was discussion about looking at the structure of the committees we have and examine whether there should be more committees, should we set up new committees, and the importance of Board Members having the opportunities to sit on other committees. After the August 25th meeting members will receive information about committee structures that are available, and will be asked to volunteer for at least one Committee. Anyone interested in the Governance Committee is welcome to join us at the next meeting in August.

The Governance/Nominating Committee Nominations for the program year:

Chair - Gary Scalzo

Vice-Chair- Elizabeth Bowers

Secretary - Barbara Schram

Treasurer - John Tracy

Youth Council Chair - Wilber Allen

Executive Committee - Philip Williams

There were no nominations from the floor

Finance /Audit Committee Report-Budget Approval John Tracy-Approved.....B. Danovitz/P. Williams

The Finance and Audit Committee met on July 11, 2011, and reviewed reduced budgets; The Workforce Development as a whole had a budget cut. The budget is less this year and previous operating program years. The Finance and Audit Committee Reviewed and passed it on to the Executive Committee which recommended the budget presented.

Update on Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) & New Program- Approved.....W. Allen/J. Tracy,

New Program- Second Start Program Extension- Rome Area - Gary and Amy abstained

Mohawk Valley Community Action Agency, Inc.

WIA Services for Older Youth,

Dates of Operation: August 1, 2011-June 31, 2012

This program will work with 50 WIA-eligible older youth, ages 19-21 (Emphasizing City of Rome and surrounding area who have not yet finished high school, and who are transitioning from the criminal justice system back into the community. MVCAA will utilize current Second Start Program employees, which include a Program Manager and Youth Advocate. The target youth will be selected from the Oneida County Correctional Facility in Oriskany, Working Solutions-Rome, Oneida - Madison BOCES and The Oneida County probation department. The goal of the project will center attention on reduction of recidivism, increase employment and earnings, and maintain employment for 30 days or longer. In addition, 20 out of the 50 enrolled youth will obtain or enroll in a GED program by June 30, 2012.

SYEP updates:

David Mathis-

TANF had a 55% cut last year, so the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) was also cut in half last summer with youth working for 10 hrs a week for 5 weeks; the same was done this summer. There is 320-330 youth working in the program. Also, WIA dollars have enabled Oneida County to keep The Young Scholar Program. Because of program shifts, Oneida County had to decrease in school programs and work with out of school youths, and able to serve 50-51 out of school youth.

Karin Zipko-

Herkimer County has spread out there job sites within the towns and villages with 70 Youth for 6 weeks working 20 hours a week throughout the county. Worksites are at schools, libraries, cleaning marinas, painting, etc. More details at the next meeting.

Lorraine Schmidtka-

With the 55% budget cuts over the past 2 years in the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP), Madison County has managed and disbursed their monies to have 49 Youth working for the 2011 SYEP for 22 hours a week for 4 weeks.

These Youth are working on 4 major projects under the supervision and leadership of staff from the Madison - Oneida BOCES:

1. A crew clearing trails and making improvements along the Chenango Canal.
2. Out of Bouckville-A crew in Chittenango working on the creek walk trail that loops into Town Park.
3. A crew in Canastota beautifying the railroad trestle, building retaining walls and grounds maintenance.
4. A crew in the two county parks in Madison County, Upper park which is a relevant historical park to the Oneida Indian Nation, they are clearing trails and brush and learning about solar power which runs the park, and Lower Park which houses the Golf Course, the youth are installing the return water line to the creek for the Micro hydro powered restroom, working with Professors from Morrisville College. Some youth are also working at Libraries, and Community Action.

State Workforce Investment Board report- Patrick Costello-

No report at this time.

Other Business-

Reminder: The term of the Executive Committee Chair is limited to 3 years. This will be Gary Scalzo' last year as Chair. Everyone is encouraged to considered running for office and getting more involved on the Executive committee.

Next full Board Meeting is October 25, 2011 @8:30 A.M., location *to be announced.*

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 A.M.....J. Tracey/W. Allen