Kathleen Rinaldo welcomed everyone at 8:33 A.M.

Approval of the 12.14.16 meeting minutes........Approved.................M/S.......J. Petroski/M. Kline

Year round OSY 16-24 Years Programs Update:
With all the Changes through WIOA (Workforce Innovations and Opportunity Act), the Youth programs Staff (Youth Workers) meet on a regular basis to learn and follow all the new changes and have been doing a great job to date. There was a monitoring visit by Carrie Auburtine (DOL) to make sure we are up to date and everything went well. Herkimer has a provider (Herkimer ARC) through Career Connections who gave a proposal to serve 30 Youth with disabilities since November 2016 and is part of the Youth Money, the other part is serving people when they come to the Career Center or referrals received, they are being enrolled little by little doing the Work Experience, Trainings, Etc.

Robin Mattox- Herkimer ARC: Update on Career Connections Contract:
19 Individuals Enrolled and working with Herkimer BOCES
9 In the TASC program
2 Obtained Jobs
1 Paid Work Experience
1 Enrolled at Herkimer College (1st and 2nd Semester)
1 Homeless and obtained permanent housing
8 getting permit and driver’s licenses
1 at 2 different volunteer sites
4 assisting with Benefits advisement (know how much they make and effect on benefits)
SYEP TANF program descriptions:
Madison County- (14-20 Year old TANF Eligible youth) Youth are supervised by Oneida BOCES teachers who also give the youth an academic component with a pretest in the beginning and posttest at the end of job for work readiness. Also, at the Orientation a Financial Literacy class is given by GPO Federal Credit Union.

Canastota- Contract with BOCES and work close to home (Transportation issues). Digging trenches, painting around town, landscaping, trail maintenance and general maintenance cleanup in the village.

Oneida- Bussed to different parks to clean up, install signs around Rail Trail and outdoor work at The Great Swamp.

Southern End-Madison County- Bussed to do maintenance at Nichol’s Pond, widening trails, painting picnic tables and pavilions.

Chittenango- Cleanup Creek Walk, plant trees and shrubs, repairing log stops, trail maintenance, this year will add tree ID signs,

Oneida County-(14-20 year old TANF Eligible youth) Oneida County Staff for the SYEP program 2017 has been hired to date, Orientation for the Youth will be at MVCC in Utica and Rome on July 10-11, 2017 there will be a Financial Literacy presentation and motivational speaker, Youth will work with BOCES, MVCC and MVHS.

Herkimer County- Working with #30 14-15 Year old Youth at Herkimer BOCES, who will spend their day at BOCES after the first component then spread out through the County doing landscaping, painting, beautification, etc. The program starts June 26, 2017.

Other Business:

Job Corp Oneonta, Amanda Adetu-Job Corp enrolls all summer into the programs in Herkimer, Madison, and Syracuse. They have received their funding from the State for the next 2 years. Also, an Apprenticeship Program has been added to the Job Corp classes hoping it will lead to a career for those who enroll.

Madison-Oneida BOCES, Kathleen Rinaldo-Another round of integrative and educational training is coming up this summer, working with Out of School Youth and Adults 17 years old and up. These courses integrates the TASC Prep High School equivalency and Vocational training. The participants are bussed, they are picked up in Utica and Rome and taken to the Oneida County BOCES Campus, were they can enroll into Culinary, Carpentry training classes this year Home Health Aide, Hospitality & Guestroom Attendant and Certified Nurses Aide has been added to vocational classes.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 9:50 A.M.

Next meeting: @8:30 a.m. at..... Workforce Development Board, 209 Elizabeth Street, Utica, NY