Committee Members Present:
Wilber Allen, Patrick Costello, Kathleen Rinaldo, Gary Scalzo, Amy Turner, Philip Williams,
Jodi Blydenberg, Michael Fitzgerald, Scott Ingmire, Alice Savino, David Mathis, Kelly Walters,
Terry Humphries, Judy Petroski, Karin Zipko, Michael Choquette, Mary Pratt, Tom Reichel,
Cheryl Blask

Consent Agenda:
Full Board Minutes from March 24, 2015 meeting and Financial Report April 30,
2015…..M/S………Approved………..P.Williams/K.Rinaldo

Youth program approvals for summer 2015:

Herkimer-Karin Zipko:
160 youth applied to program but can only fund partial number of those kids; therefore
some kids are on a wait list. There are 15-20 kids a night coming in for orientation about
worksite and professionalism, Jodi Blydenburgh from GPO will be coming in to do a
Financial Literacy Program with them, United Way Initiative is coming in to do a

Madison County-TomReichel:……Abstained -K Rinaldo………..P.Costello/F.Armstrong

105-110 kids applied and completed paperwork, they will be working throughout Madison
County doing different tasks. The older youth in working in the private sector with
employers are hoping that the summer employment might lead to full time employment
at the end of the summer. BOCES Program- There is four different worksites throughout
county to keep the kids in their community and doing projects in their hometowns. About
68 kids appointed BOCES budget is a little higher this year due to a 16 year old girl with a
6 year old education level; a special worker was hired specifically for her. The kids at the
site for the BOCES program will learn about construction and math, reading blueprints
mostly. They aren’t old enough to use power tools, must be 16 years old to paint).
Madison Oneida BOCES
2015 SYEP Program
Summer Youth Employment & Academic Enrichment
July 6-July 30, 2015
60 (14-20 Year Olds)
Youth will work in their local communities, work in groups of 15 youth who will work in Canastota, Chittenango, Madison County Parks, and the City of Oneida for a total of 60 youth. There is a new requirement to provide “Financial Literacy” to SYEP youth, BOCES will develop a curriculum based on the National Endowment for Financial Education to teach the youth.

Oneida County-David Mathis:
This year there are many new proposals with continued alliances with MVCC and SABA we try to offer many new experiences, exposure to new careers for the kids. The SYEP Kickoff will be on June 29, 2015, there will be 300 youth present with guest speakers (Tony Picente). We will discuss soft skills, getting youth motivated and prepared to work.

Emerging Technologies  Abstained………Williams/ Turner
SABA
14-17
July 6-July 17 (10 days; 50 hours)
Waterville
The Emerging Technologies project is designed to increase student’s awareness of opportunities in Technology and Cyber-Security.

Healthcare Exploration-Internship Program
SABA
16 year olds
25 Youth
July 6-August 6, 2015 (20 days; 100 hours)
12 components of Oneida BOCES
Faxton-St. Luke’s Healthcare contributes $10,875 toward the wages of the students enrolled in this project (75%). This program will increase student’s awareness of the many opportunities in local healthcare facilities providing OJT in hospital setting.

Innovative Technology
SABA
14-17 year olds
12 youth
July 13-24, 2015 (10 days; 50 hours)
Rome
The goals of this project are to increase student’s awareness of opportunities in the IT industry.
Green Technology in Construction Trades
SABA
14-17 year olds
24 youth
July 6-17, 2015 Construction II (12 students) (10 days; 50 hours)
July 20-31, 2015 Construction I (12 students) (10 days; 50 hours)
The goal is to increase students’ awareness of opportunities in the green technology construction industry, instill basic construction skills and increase the likelihood that students will become part of our local green technology construction workforce.

Nanotechnology (New 2015)
SABA
14-17 year olds
12 youth
July 13-28, 2015
Various School Districts
The goals of the project are to increase students awareness of Nanotechnology; instill creative problem-solving skills and better prepare students for the field of Nanotechnology, students will also get to tour SUNY Polytech, Bus trip to Albany CNSE.

Summer Work Experience and Training
RCIL
14-18 years old
15 Youth
June 29-31, 2015
TANF youth with disabilities
RCIL has requested $6,000 to partner with Oneida County Workforce Development to provide summer employment opportunities to 10 TANF eligible individuals with disabilities living in Oneida County ages 14-18 years old.

Oneida County: David Mathis...Cont’d-

Youth Work Skills (YWS) Program
MHA
14-18 Years old
20 youth
June 29-July 31, 2015
The Youth Work Skills Program will provide a paid, five week work and enrichment experience during the summer which will include work-based learning, hands-on training, employability skills instruction, and work experience focusing on green collar occupations such as landscaping, building maintenance and community gardening.

MVCC Rome Futures Academy
MVCC Foundation
14-18 years old
10-15 Youth
June 29-August 14, 2015
Rome
The goal of the Rome Futures Academy is to increase the educational attainment of Rome students by addressing learning deficits and promoting goal-setting.
MVCC Unmanned Aerial Systems (New 2015)
MVCC Foundation, Inc.
14-18 Years old
15-20 youth
June 9-August 14, 2015 (dates may vary)
Griffiss Business Park
The Unmanned Aerial Systems Summer Youth Employment Program—the first of its kind—will provide Rome-area youth with the tools they need to better understand the revolutionary tech growth at Griffiss Park and to learn skills that will help them in school in their pursuit of a stronger education. Classes will be offered by MVCC in Rome, near the site being used for UAS activities by NUAIR, a regional consortium.

Center City Recreation Program—funding from the Community Foundation @Vega Center in Adrean Terrace
MVCAA Agency Inc.
14-18 years old
20 youth
June 29-August 28, 2015
MVCAA is requesting 16 youth staff to be assigned for its Summer Recreation Program (10 youths, ages 17 or older, for programs held at the Vega-Martinez Center, and 6 youths for programs associated with the MVCC Day Camp Program).

Center reports:

Terry Humphries- Rome-

The program year ends in June and looking back, we have really ramped up training in the last year with increased funding, to target training. We’ve sent about 200 individuals for retraining since December, and most are Low-Income Adult individuals over 18, who want to pursue a job through existing agencies (BOCES, MVCC). Individuals who are part-time workers, not collecting insurance, individuals in their 20’s who have dropped out or received their GED and are now aware that without job skills and credentials they don’t have the sustainable abilities. About $250,000-$300,000 was spent to educate in engineering, HVAC, Nano, work spectrums. Helping people one on one is most important. We are also gearing up for more involvement with Summer Youth Program in Rome. Numbers coming into the office are decreasing at the moment and this might be due to the time of year/weather.

Tom Reichel-Madison County-

Construction has begun on the Career Center move. The objective move date is December, and the construction crews report that they’re moving along on schedule and we are excited about the move. There are meetings coming up in July with the DOL from Albany to ensure computer components are all set. With the WIOA change, specifically the increased emphasis on low-income individuals and displaced youth, social services building will be a perfect fit. Overall, everything going smoothly.
**Karin Zipko-Herkimer County-**

Numbers are down at the moment, many people working seasonally and part-time. This gives time to work on developing new programs and projects. US Care, First Choice, Elder Choice, XNG, all companies that have reached out so far this year. Affordable Healthcare Act representatives are renting out space. Once a week orientation for new individuals is still occurring, full overview and then can schedule an appt. with an advisor. Every Thursday there is an open resume lab with the staff; individuals can leave with an excellent resume and we will continue to do employment readiness every day to get individuals job skills that they need. Companies coming back, higher demand calls for new hires- 200 more applications taken, and plans to hire 50. Monday night, meeting with NYSDOL rep over individuals losing their jobs due to cut backs. Summer programs are increasing, everything going well.

**New Business:**

Pat Costello-The State Workforce Investment Board Sub-committees are forming, appointing Chairs for the committees. The State and Federal are initiating programs that we already have and it’s good to see we’re providing these services already.

Robin O’Brien has resigned from the WIB Board; she is now the Commissioner of Mental Health.

CNSE tours are occurring again in July/August 2015, the Grant is from the Higher Education Services. Utica and Herkimer County has scheduled youths for the bus tours and Lunch will be served. Colleges sending representatives will inform kids about applications, financial aid, etc.

Today is the last meeting under the Workforce Investment Act, and it is also Beth Bowers last meeting as Chair. We will now be called the Workforce Development Board under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. The Officers endorsed for the next program year:

Wilber Allen-Chair
Mike Choquette-Vice Chair
Amy Turner-Treasurer
Barbara Schram-Secretary

There were no nominations from the floor. Votes on appointments of the four officers were unanimous in favor.

Alice Thanked Elizabeth Bowers for her time and services as Chair of the Board.
New grant received- On June 15, 2015 The LEAP Grant was announced but we haven’t received full details yet. The WIB was 1 of 20 in the country to receive $500,000 for two years to run a Working Solutions office from inside the jail. This is a new trial that hasn’t been done before; The Oneida County Sheriff has given prisoners internet access for the first time but will be monitoring their site access.

HVAC workers are needed in the community. A Subcommittee meeting is needed to get new ideas to promote this field and how to get word out to the community, understand the need for these workers; it’s a great career with 100% employment rates.

The SUNY POLY office is still open with lists of jobs from the SUNY research foundation; the office will still collect resumes with hopes that jobs are becoming available and will stay open until the end of this year.

**Employment- Oneida County Retired Senior Volunteer Program-Kelly Walters:**

There are a lot of community partners that are looking to build capacity with volunteers, looking for medical transportation drivers, bill payers, to help others. This will help to keep seniors aging at home independent. Send volunteers our way phone: 315-223-3973

The New President of HCCC- Cathleen C. McColgin is very welcoming and available to host a meeting.

Next full Board Meeting is November 20, 2015 @ 8:30 at Kids Oneida, 310 Main St, Utica, NY 13501

*There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35A.M.*