Emerging Worker Committee Meeting

Herkimer, Madison and Oneida

May 25, 2016

8:30 A.M.

Kids Oneida

Attendance:

Sue Carlson, Alice Savino, Karin Piseck, Tanya Davis, Sarah McIntosh, Marietta Phillips, Charlene Deon, Tom Reichel, Jenny Bryerton, Mary Ellen Dalton, Kathleen Rinaldo, Christy Stephenson, Jennifer Dodge, JoAnn Eddy, Gina Giacovelli, Rachael Case, John Furman, Veronica Miller, Suzanne Paddock, Judy Petroski, Carol Ginster, Art Rapp

Karin Piseck welcomed everyone at 8:33 A.M.

Approval of the 3.30.2016 meeting minutes………Approved…………..M/S…….M.E. Evans/J. Petroski

Proposals for SYEP Herkimer-Madison and Oneida Counties:

Karin Piseck-Herkimer-Fulton-Hamilton-Otsego BOCES……..Approved…..M/S J. Furman/ C. Stevenson

2016 SYEP
SYEP & Academic Enrichment
July 5 –August 12, 2016
30 (14-15 Year olds)

There will be a decrease in applicants this year because there is no Free Lunch program

Tom Reichel-Madison-Oneida BOCES……..Approved……M/S…….S. Bulger/ J. Furman……K. Rinaldo Abstained

2016 SYEP
SYEP & Academic Enrichment
July 5 – July 28, 2016
65 (14-20 year olds) this year there is additional youth with BOCES agreement
Proposal 1:
Program: Beautification/Tiger Team
Organization: Parkway Senior Center
Ages to be served: 16-18
Number of Youth: 40
Dates of Operation: July 5 – August 9
School District: Utica
Budget Requested: $4,300
Funding Source: 2015 TANF Summer Funds
Narrative: The Parkway Center is partnering with the City of Utica Youth Bureau for the “Tiger Team” Summer Beautification Employment Project. The Project will consist of various painting, beautification work and landscaping around the City of Utica and Parkway Recreation Center facility. The goal is to provide a working learning environment teaching job responsibilities, how to work in teams and how to interact with a supervisor while also learning the important of beautifying the community they live in.

Proposal 2:
Program: City Center Recreation
Organization: Mohawk Valley Community Action
Ages to be served: 14-18
Number of Youth: 16
Dates of Operation: July 5- August 5
School District: Utica
Budget Requested: $ 2,500
Funding Source: 2015 TANF Summer Funds
Narrative: MVCAA’s Center city Recreation Program operates out of Vega-Martinez Center at 1600 Armory Drive, Utica, Monday through Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The Youth will work with Staff at Vega Martinez Center and assist with Summer Recreation Youth Program. Youth will have the opportunity to assist with games, literacy, music, arts and craft projects and more. They will also help with field trips, summer camps and planned presentations that will be scheduled throughout the summer.

Proposal 3:
Program: Computer Literacy
Organization: MVCC
Ages to be served: 14-18
Number of Youth: 36
Dates of Operation: July 5 – August 12
School District: Utica
Budget Requested: $ 6,100
Funding Source: 2015 TANF Summer Funds
Narrative: Students will learn basic computer science concepts, will familiarize themselves with the primary computer-based tools for today’s business workplace and will learn basic formatting and navigational skills that are transferable between software programs, and will experiment with creating letterhead, PowerPoint slides, newsletter templates, and other documents that MVCDC can then use for its MEP and other programs. This blend of education and work experience ensures that the program encourages exploration, innovation and student engagement. They will demonstrate an understanding of the social and ethical implications of their work and exhibit appropriate communication behavior when working as a team member. All students will complete a final project of a presentation that builds on concepts learned and careers researched in the program.
Proposal 4:
Program: Unmanned Ariel Systems
Organization: MVCC
Ages to be served: 14-18
Number of Youth: 20
Dates of Operation: July 11 –July 29
School District: Utica/Rome
Budget Requested: $5,000
Funding Source: 2015 Summer TANF
Narrative: Students will explore the fundamentals of how quadcopters work, will discover how experts are using drone technology in research, media production, and for personal projects, and will learn about the local opportunities to gain education, training, and a career in this new field. Students will learn how to use JavaScript to program a parrot Drone / Quadcopter to fly from place to place, explore custom-built drones and lean about the math and science coursework necessary for a career in UAS – and about the resources available to help them take advantage of those opportunities.

Proposal 5:
Program: Summer Work Experience & Training
Organization: RCIL
Ages to be served: 14-18
Number of Youth: 15
Dates of Operation: June 27 – July 29
School District: Utica
Budget Requested: $6,000
Funding Source: 2015 Summer TANF Funds
Narrative: Youth will explore several employment opportunities representing various career exploration paths at sites including the RCIL main office and other community locations including the Utica Zoo, Salvation Army, Utica Library and Habitat for Humanity Restore. Participants in this project will work directly with experienced RCIL staff or other employment professionals in the community who have volunteered to provide job opportunities for youth in this program. Worksite locations in RCIL and the local community will provide youth with gainful employment.

Proposal 6:
Program: Youth Work Skills
Organization: Utica MHA
Ages to be served: 14-18
Number of Youth: 20
Dates of Operation: June 29- July 31
School District: Utica
Budget Requested: $6,500
Funding Source: 2015 Summer TANF Funds
Narrative: This 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, financial literacy, entrepreneurship, leadership development, and work experience focusing on green collar occupations such as landscaping, building maintenance, and community gardening. The primary activity of the program will be to provide youth with meaningful work opportunities to learn and develop job skills. Youth will be engaged in specific work projects at UMHA housing developments such as Adrean Terrace, Matt Apartments, N/D. Peters Manor, Gilmore Village, and Humphrey Gardens. Youth will also work on neighborhood revitalization projects to restore and beautify the Cornhill neighborhood, particularly in the vicinity of the construction of the new Roosevelt Residences affordable housing development in the Cornhill neighborhood of Utica. Work activities will include: Planting trees, apartment renovation and painting, cleaning vacant lots, landscaping, painting hydrants, speed bumps and cross walks, removing graffiti, maintaining the two community gardens, landscaping and grounds keeping, and project maintenance.
New- Proposal 7:
Program: Rust to Green Utica
Organization: Cornell Cooperative Extension
Ages to be served: 14-18
Number of youth: 20
Dates of Operation: July 5 – August 5
School District: Utica
Budget requested: $5,000
Funding Source: 2015 TANF Summer Funds
Narrative: Youth will learn: how to plant and maintain a community garden; nutrition and cooking skills; business skills necessary to operate a health-related (smoothie stand) social enterprise at the West Utica Public Market; exploration of career paths through local field trips; skills to produce health and wellness PSA’s for the Utica City Limits television show.

New- Proposal 8:
Program: Young Scholars
Organization: Utica College
Ages to be served: 14-18
Number of youth: 60
Dates of Operation: July 5 – August 5
School District: Utica
Budget requested: None Requested
Funding Source: 2015 TANF Summer Funds
Narrative: Young Scholars will provide work experience and academic preparation for students. Young Scholars has completed more than 20 years and has served more than 1, 000 students of promise in the City of Utica, and currently serves more than 350 students in grades 7-12. Its record shows: 93% graduation rate for the 14 classes that have graduated; Proctor High School graduation rate for same years (1999-2012) was 85%. Additionally, 86% of YSLPP graduates earned Regents or Advanced Regents diploma, compare to 59% of Proctor graduates overall (1999-2012). Since 2005, 97% of YSLPP graduates have enrolled in college. Young Scholars has operated successful summer programming since 2000.

New- Proposal 9:
Program: Green Construction I & II
Organization: BOCES/SABA
Ages to be served: 14-18
Number of youth: 15 in GC I; 12 in GC II
Dates of Operation: July 11 – July 22 (GC I); July 25 – August 5 (GC II)
School District: Utica
Budget requested: $7,000 ($3,500 for GC I; $3,500 for GC II)
Funding Source: 2015 TANF Summer Funds
Narrative: The goals of this project are to increase student’ 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. Students will participate in project based learning in the classroom and the worksite.
Program: Health Careers  
Organization: BOCES/SABA  
Ages to be served: 16-18  
Number of Youth: 25  
Dates of Operation: June 29-August 4  
School District: Utica  
Budget requested: $7,500  
Funding Source: 2015 TANF Summer Funds  
Narrative: This program will offer students exposure to health careers while working at Faxton-St. Luke’s Healthcare, increasing their awareness of the many types of career opportunities that exist within local health care organizations. The program offers on-the-job training in a hospital setting to instill in students the desire for a health care career and motivate students to pursue postsecondary education in health care and become part of the local workforce. Students will have 100 hours of work at Faxton-St. Luke’s, which will support the project by contributing 75% of student wages.

Program: Innovative Technology  
Organization: BOCES/SABA  
Ages to be served: 14-17  
Number of Youth: 12  
Dates of Operation: July 18-August 5  
School District: Rome  
Budget requested: $3,500  
Funding Source: 2015 TANF Summer Funds  
Narrative: The goal of this project is to increase students’ awareness of opportunities in the local information Technology sector. The program will give students the opportunity to observe IT operations in the hopes that students will want to become part of the IT workforce. Students will have project-based learning three days per week and participate in job shadowing. Speakers will visit the classroom to talk about job opportunities and speak about the life skills necessary for success.

Program: Nanotechnology  
Organization: BOCES/SABA  
Ages to be served: 14-17  
Number of youth: 12  
Dates of Operation: July 11-July 29  
School District: Various  
Budget requested: $3,800  
Funding Source: 2015 TANF Summer Funds  
Narrative: This project is proposed because Nanotechnology has been identified by the Workforce Investment Board as one of the growing areas in the Mohawk Valley. Nanotechnology is the study and application of extremely small things and can be used in the science fields of chemistry, biology, physics, material science and engineering. Students in this field will participate in project –based learning three days per week, and complete a day of job shadowing. Speakers will visit the classroom to discuss job opportunities, educational requirements and wage earning potential. The Career Specialist will provide students with pre-employment training and career development.

Program: Technology for Emerging Careers  
Organization: BOCES/SABA  
Ages to be served: 14-17  
Number of Youth: 12  
Dates of Operation: July 5-July 21  
School District: Waterville  
Budget requested: $3,800  
Funding Source: 2015 TANF Summer Funds  
Narrative: Technology has been identified by the Workforce Investment Board as one of the labor market shortage areas in the Mohawk Valley. By exposing students to Technology, it is expected that more students will consider a related career and become part of our local workforce in Emerging Technologies and Cyber-Security. Students in the program will visit local Emerging Technologies Partners. Speakers will visit the classroom to talk about job opportunities as well as life skills and will receive pre-employment training and career development from the SABA Career Specialist.
Next meeting: September 14, 2016 @ Kids Oneida- 8:30 A.M.

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