

**ULSTER COUNTY WORKFORCE
INVESTMENT BOARD
YOUTH COUNCIL**

MINUTES

February 20, 2014

Present: Janet Rigaux, Genevieve Salerno, Nancy EK Schaeff, Matt Greene, Vicky Gore, Elaine Lawrence, Danica Iglopas, Jessica Miller, Bill Doughman, Evelyn Clarke
Excused: Eric Houghtaling, Jim Hanstein, Jess Robie, Jim Rhein, Laurie Gallagher
Absent: Joyce Libby, Bonnie Landi, Roland Carito, Terry Bell

Bill Doughman, Chair of the Youth Council called the meeting order.

Minutes for December 12 meeting:

Janet Rigaux requested a correction. She was present at the meeting but her name does not appear in the minutes. Motion to accept the Minutes to the December 12, 2013 meeting was made by Elaine Lawrence, seconded by Matt Greene.

Job Fair Updates:

• **Saugerties Job Fair: March 18, Diamond Mills, 2:30 – 4:30pm**

Janet Rigaux passed out flyers for the fair. Roland Carito, Saugerties Boys & Girls Club, is working on having computers and printers available at the fair for résumé writing. The invitations have gone out. Saugerties HS is requesting 100 flyers to help get the word out to youth.

• **New Paltz Job Fair: DATE TBA**

Phoenix, Director of Community Partnership for a Greater New Paltz has formed a committee and they are working on this project. They are looking to schedule the end of March at the New Paltz High School.

• **Kingston Job Fair: Take Note: Rescheduled for Friday, April 18th from 8am – 12pm.**

8am – 10am is designated for assisting youth with resumes, and work readiness preparation. Actual job fair to run from 10am – 12pm. Initial date of April 15th will not work now – students will be in school that day because of snow day usage.

Round Table

The Chair of the Youth Council, Bill Doughman announced Nancy Schaeff's impending retirement as Ulster County's WIB Director. Bill thanked Nancy on behalf of the Youth Council for her commitment to serving youth in Ulster County and for her continued support and leadership in her role as WIB Director. It was agreed, Nancy you will be missed! The Youth Council especially appreciates your attention to employment services to the Youth population in Ulster County and your leadership role in the Youth Council meetings.

Nancy EK Schaeff thanked everyone for their support over the last 8 years. She appreciates the work of all the agencies represented and wishes all well as they continue with their work to help the youth of Ulster County in their search for jobs and in their efforts to gain in skills development.

Youth Build - Jessica Miller Youth Build is still taking new applicants for their program.

Job Corp – Danica Iglovas Job Corps is also recruiting for new applicants – announced that they are offering the new GED program called “HSE TASK” – HSE stands for High School Equivalency. It was noted that individuals who have taken the GED and passed some parts will not have to retake those sections – this policy will stand for at least the next year

ACCES/VR – Elaine Lawrence

Elaine Lawrence reported that NYS Education Department and ACCES/VR are concentrating on services to youth. There will be a limited amount of additional funding for Youth Employment Services. They are in the process of hiring a Senior Voc Rehab Counselor for each district who will work with the school districts on transition planning. State ED is also hiring technical assistance to go in to the schools.

Gateway Community Industries – Vicky Gore Gateway will be offering skills training to youth in the near future in food services and facilities maintenance. Vicky reported that they hope to start this service sometime this spring or early summer. Hiring at SourceHOV is going well. So far, approximately 73 individuals have been hired through Gateway but many more are needed. Gateway has a team designated for this project. Two members are doing the recruiting and we have job coaches on site every day. Vicky talked about the 2 positions being hired, Indexer and Document Prep and encouraged referring individuals who don't have the computer skills to apply for the Document Prep position. She will send out the one page referral form with this month's minutes.

Youth Bureau – Evelyn Clarke Youth Build is receiving applications from agencies who have their 501c3 certificate and also municipalities that run summer youth programs to provide YB resources.

UCCC – Matt Greene Matt reported that applications for enrollment are down. There will be an Advisory Session on March 22, 10 am – 12pm at SUNY Ulster to introduce first-time students to the advisory process. There will also be a presentation for HS students who want to earn college credit for high school or AP classes. Tuition costs are \$1 per credit hour for those who qualify, or \$50 per credit hour for those who do not. Even at \$50, this is still a substantial savings to the student. For PELL grant recipients, the cost is \$3 per credit hour.

Family of Woodstock – Genevieve Salerno Genevieve reported that the Chocolate Lover's Luncheon raised \$6,000 for a new roof for the Family House and an additional \$40k or so overall.

OET - Youth Employment Program – Janet Rigaux Janet reported that she and Faith Golden have been credentialed as National Work Readiness Credential proctors. They will begin testing in the next couple of weeks for the individuals in the Youth Employment program. Janet also reported that since the last meeting in December, enrollment in the program has increased by 20.

OET – Nancy EK Schaefer Nancy reported that there is WIA job training money available for Adults, Dislocated Workers and for Youth in the remaining of PY2013. The Executive Committee for the WIB has expanded resources for the OJT (on-the-job) training program to help use this money. OJT pays the wages of individuals while they are learning on the job. This is an extremely attractive program for employers seeking new hires. The cap per individual is \$15,000 for each candidate. There is a wage requirement to employers --- Individuals have to be making at least \$12 hr including benefits. Participants have to meet OET eligibility criteria – either displaced worker or low income.

**Next meeting – Thursday, April 10, 2014
9am BRC/Ulster Works ONESTOP Room 507**