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Workforce Development Board

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Ulster County Workforce Development Board Meeting (via Zoom) Tuesday, November 9, 2021 Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tony Marmo, Alex Cordova, Gene Knudsen, Steve Casa, Chris Marx, Tameka Dunkley, Frank Falatyn, Evelyn Wright, Michael Berg, Don Lucarello, James Ferraro, Desirée Lyle, Anthony Mignone

ALSO PRESENT: Tomasine Oliphant, Faith Golden, Bill McDonough, Janet Rigaux

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. FINANCIAL REPORT – Faith Golden, Deputy Fiscal Director

3. MOTION FOR THE WDB (FAITH & TOMASINE) TO BE THE ONE STOP OPERATOR

4. BOARD CHAIR COMMENTS ON ULSTER BOCES PRESENTATION – Tony Marmo, Chair

- a. Spoke about speaking in front of the BOCES classes, he thought it was amazing and the questions that the students asked were great. Encouraged businesses to participate
- b. Steve Casa- we have a monthly employability theme at the career and tech center he spoke about the benefits of the students to hear from the businesses and also for the teachers. It is necessary for the students to learn about the skills needed. Working on a project with Frank Falatyn
- c. Shawn Clark is leaving the Board, we will need some replacements some private sector folks would be good.

5. WDB EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OFFICE NOMINATIONS: Approval by Board Needed

a. Tony asked for a motion for the three nominees, Frank Falatyn made the motion, seconded by Chris Marx. All in favor.

- 1st Vice Chair: Jim Ferraro, ELNA Magnetics (Makers & Creators – Ulster 2040 Cluster)
 - Executive Committee is recommending Jim Ferraro
- 2nd Vice Chair: Tamika Dunkley, Seasoned Gives (Agriculture, Food & Beverage – Ulster 2040 Cluster)
 - Executive Committee is recommending Tamika Dunkley
- At-Large Member: Angela Patella, ACCES-VR
 - Executive Committee is recommending Angela Patella

Holding off until January 1st for the county to make a decision on the groups and committee's meetings. We want to be in unison

Public Engagement Committee

Youth

6. DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Tomasine Oliphant, WDB Director

Program Updates-

- Gun violence Prevention- partnering with community providers, AVERT, and making sure there is awareness out there to these young people and trying to prevent them
- Janet- We have partnered with several different agencies; we are happy to announce our AVERT referral for who has started at the Ulster County Sheriffs. We have 6 people who are actively enrolled 4 are co-enrolled 2 are only in the GVI program. In YAEP we have 25 youth who we are working with, we have 10 new enrolled and 15 who carried over from last year. We do have youth in training, the main one being Commercial Driver Training. Spoke about AVERT and partners with the group.
- Bill number of OJT contracts who rolled in from the work experience programs we have been able to do it on a seamless basis, so the candidate does not have a gap in employment. Frank has a youth and we have been trying to make sure we are having continued success. We met with the hierarchy of the UC Jail. Job Orders are not coming in the primary areas that they are coming in are in the makers and shakers. The Council of Industry job board is getting some notice. The actual flow of job orders is a little bit slower but the DOL staff person is in so that may be why we are seeing a slowdown.
- Gene Knudson- Brooklyn Bottling may be a good candidate to refer to the AVERT Team.
- New team member Miles Davis
- Climate Solutions Week: Ulster County Green Careers Coalition-
- Tomasine- organized by sustainable Hudson Valley, Tomasine spoke on a panel for New Yorkers for Clean Energy. She shared the Green New Deal website. They are excited about the website. Another update our Disabilities Resource Coordinator we will be receiving additional funding for the program to continue.
- Steve Casa- Number of speakers who showed up, 450,000 NYSERDA grant.
- Scott Arnold and Don Mapes spoke as well, and the youth were able to hear from a young person who is now working with RYCOR HVAC services. Also made a connection with the Youth Bureau and Desiree Lyle.
- Desiree also offered to give the presentation for free to anyone who is interested in learning more.
- Chris Marx- Council of Industry round table, Barbara was able to make available 2500 to the apprenticeship programs

Frank is asking for a presentation from our Disabilities Resource Coordinator and for Angela Mignone to present about what each other's programs do from an employee standpoint.

Tony- If anyone has suggestions for content for these meeting, please let us know

- GVP Initiative partnership with the Ulster County AVERT Team
- New Staff Member: Miles Davis, Employment & Training Assistant
- New Expansion of Disability Resource Coordinator Funding –
<https://dol.ny.gov/news/governor-hochul-announces-111-million-federal-workforce-funding-expand-disability-resource>
- OET Staff Transitions: Tomasine & Lisa-
- Lisa received a promotion so she will no longer be joining us for these meetings , there is a current search going on- Tony- thanked Lisa
- Tomasine- has transitioned to the UC Dept of Mental Health the Child and Family SPOA she will not be attending any meetings
- Evelyn hard shoes to fill but they are still looking
Anyone have anything to say?
- Anthony asking about the calendar for next year. The next meeting will be in January. There has been no request to change the day and time.

- Tamika inviting all to Community Day at the Evolution Center on November 24, 2021
7. **MOTION TO ADJOURN** - Tony asked for a motion to adjourn- Frank Falatyn made the motion to adjourn, Alex Cordova seconded the motion. All in favor.