

**Workforce Development Board of Oswego County  
Youth Council Meeting  
Wednesday, April 5, 2017  
Room 118 Rich Hall, SUNY Oswego**

“The Youth Council shall assist in developing the local workforce plan pertaining to youth and youth services, approving eligible providers of youth services, coordinate youth workforce development activities, and oversee public relations about youth programs.”

**Minutes**

Present: Brian Chetney, Dona Falciatano, Karen Merrill, Nelson Metz, Joseph Rotella, Barry Tatters, Chris Weaver, Garrette Weiss, Chena Tucker

Brian Chetney called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m.

**1) Approval of Meeting Minutes from January 4, 2017**

Garrette Weiss made a motion to approve the minutes. Dona Falciatano seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

**2) Performance Review – Nelson Metz**

There have been no significant changes. A slight drop in vocational training, 51% to 49%. Paid work experience internships are a mild concern, however not unusual. Working on communicating invoicing issues within the Driver Ed program, hoping to know actual expenditures soon.

**3) 2017 Youth Career Summit – Brian Chetney**

The Youth Summit was cancelled due to weather, and has been re-scheduled for May 17<sup>th</sup>. Seven out of the nine districts have committed to coming back, and possibly even more presenters as well. Considering keeping the May date in the future.

**4) 2017 Training & Careers Expo – Garrette Weiss**

The Career Expo was held March 22<sup>nd</sup>. 126 juniors and seniors attended to learn about careers they could pursue with a degree/training of 2 years or less. It was extended until noon, allowing more time for interaction and questions. Providing food was a great addition, and affordable. There was excellent feedback from counselors. Looking to include more industry partners next year, such as banking and hospitality.

**5) WDB Update – Chena Tucker**

Chena discussed the transition as the newly appointed Executive Director, her past work experience and commitment to this role. Chena also updated the committee on the move of the 2 locations, OBCR expected to move next week, and BRC is expected in June.

**6) Roundtable Update – All**

Brian Chetney – Summer positions to fill at Camp Hollis, open for day camp this year as well.

Nelson Metz – Planning to place approximately 200 youth throughout the county for summer recruitment.

Chris Weaver – The 2<sup>nd</sup> press release for Skill Up Oswego County will be out next week, 450 have signed up so far. People have until June to sign up.

Barry Tatters – Access VR RFP expected in spring 2018. Looking for vendors and service providers

Karen Merrill – Due to the recent 32.5 billion dollar cut in HUD funding, there are now only 338 units from 450, and waiting list is at a standstill.

Garette Weiss – CiTi will soon be offering a regional high school, an all-day CTE (Career & Technical Education Center) in Central Square. It is an alternative for kids that do not do well in traditional school. All 9 area districts are interested.

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 a.m.

**7) Next Meeting:** Wednesday July 12, 2017, Location T.B.D.