Workforce Development Board of Oswego County
Youth Council Meeting
Wednesday, October 5, 2016
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, Kathy Joyce, Karen Merrill, Nelson Metz, Joseph Rotella, Barry Tatters, Chena Tucker, Garrette Weiss, Chris Weaver

Brian Chetney called the meeting to order at 8:23 a.m.

1) **Approval of Meeting Minutes from July 13, 2016**
   Garrette Weiss made a motion to approve the minutes. Kathy Joyce seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

2) **Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) Summary –** Nelson Metz
   The summary was written by Pat Tyrrell, Summer Coordinator. There was a 77% success rate, which means the youth followed through the whole program. Brian thought that the workers at Camp Zerbe did a great job and hopefully next summer they will be able to stay longer. Karen Merrill thought that 4 kids from the P.A.T.H Program did a great job and they had a good experience. They were able to pay for things that they needed for college. Kathy Joyce wondered if SYEP kept track of the individuals with disabilities. ACCESS-VR would be able to help accommodate them. There has been an increase with the number of youth with disabilities involved in the program. ACCESS-VR would like to be involved from the beginning to try and help get the youth with disabilities any services that they may need.

3) **Performance Review** – Nelson Metz
   All goals were met for the 4th quarter and exceeded well over 100%. Everything else seems to be looking good. By November, the Youth Employment Training Team will be down 60% in employees.

4) **2016/2017 Youth Services RFP –** Nelson Metz
The One-Stop has just under 40% in obligations, so they are slightly ahead. The requirements to have a procurement process for the RFP contracts was removed. The contract for the Youth RFPs has been extended for two year. The Driver's Education contract went to CiTi and there are currently 10 referrals for this.

5) **2017 Youth Employment Summit** – Brian Chetney
The Youth Summit committee will be meeting on October 6th. It is scheduled for March 15th with a snow date of March 16th at SUNY Oswego. The save the date flyer has been sent out. Garrette will be getting the CiTi public safety students to help out with traffic control and getting the buses and students situated. There will be a variety of presenters who are going to interact with the youth. You do not want to have a presenter who is just going to stand there and talk to them.

6) **2017 Career Expo** – Chris Weaver
The Career Expo will be on March 23rd at CiTi. Instead of having a ½ day they are looking to do a full day. The Youth Summit committee and the Career Expo committee are working on collaborating together. Today's youth are tomorrow's leaders. Garrette also mentioned how events that schools are having should be spread out throughout the year. That way businesses will be able to commit.

7) **WDB Update –** Joe Rotella
The Driver's Education contract was discussed earlier.

8) **Roundtable Update** – All
Chena mentioned how the Youth Summit could begin working on things at the end of the school year that way the students who are creating the flyers already have their skills developed. Garrette mentioned how there are many program that CiTi offers that not a lot of students and parents know about. These programs help youth that may not have any plans beyond high school. It makes them aware of local jobs and resources that are out there. Karen Merrill discussed the Parent Summit that is in the Fall. The Summit allows parents to know what resources are out there. The Youth Forum will be on October 24th. Kathy Joyce also brought up the Show n Tell that was done in Syracuse. There were many organizations there that discussed programs that they offered and how they need to get people involved.

9) **Next Meeting:** Wednesday January 4, 2017, Location T.B.D.