

**Workforce Development Board of Oswego County
Youth Council Meeting
Wednesday, February 15, 2023
Oswego County Workforce New York**

“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: Angela Ferlito, Ellen Lazarek, Kathy Joyce, Brian Chetney, Garrette Weiss, Nicole Damboise, Alissa Viscome, Karen Rodriguez, Sarah Yaw, Elizabeth Barone-Kapuscinski, Rachel Pierce, Alexis Cummins

Brian Chetney called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m. Roundtable introductions were done as there were many new faces.

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes from November 9, 2022

Brian Chetney asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Garrette Weiss made a motion to approve the minutes. Angela Ferlito seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion was carried.

2. Youth Training by Occupational Cluster – Elizabeth Barone-Kapuscinski

For Occupational Skills Training we completed 15 services (CiTi-11, Helio Health-1, National Tractor Trailer School-2). For Paid Work Experience we were able to place 22 young adults on paid work sites such as Fulton City School District, Par-K, Victory Transformation, Humane Society, etc. We also had 2 participants in Other Training consisting of Alternative Secondary Education. We had 39 Training Services by Occupation Cluster- 1 in Construction, 8 in Healthcare, 2 in Other (Alternative Secondary Education), 22 Training Services to Businesses (Work Experience) & 6 in Transportation (CDL-A, CDL-B, Heavy Equipment). This report is based off WIOA & ITE services. Ellen proposed that the Literacy Zone in Pulaski may be a good opportunity to tap into for Work Experience.

3. PY 22 WIOA Training Plan Update- Elizabeth Barone-Kapuscinski

Elizabeth shared the obligation levels of each Training Service under WIOA. Paid Work Experience is 36% obligated. (Youth stop Work Experience in early December due to holidays and resume after the 1st of the year). On-The-Job Training is 22% obligated. Supportive Services is 25% obligated. Occupation skills & ITA's is 117% obligated. Mentoring (OCO Contract) is 19% obligated. Total obligation for Youth funding is at 50% which is decent for this time of year. Elizabeth shared that the Employment Specialist who runs the ITE program has been promoted to a Senior Employment Specialist out in the Mexico office so once a new Employment Specialist is hired they will be taking over the ITE program. Elizabeth also shared that OCWNY is hosting 2 Open House events for Youth ages 16-24. The 1st event is 2/21 @ OCWNY 11:00-2:00 and the 2nd event is 2/23 @ Oswego Public Library 2:30-5:00. Snacks will be provided!

4. Directors Report-Rachel Pierce

Rachel shared that OCWNY is in the process of planning 2 spring job fairs (1 in Pulaski and 1 in Oswego). OCWNY has also been tasked with putting together a job fair for DSS where they will set up

tables for the different divisions at DSS and allow the community to come in and see what each department does, and what positions they may qualify for. Sarah & Rachel will discuss if it would be beneficial for CCC to be there to discuss their Human Services degree program. OCWNY is partnering with ICP, JCC & SBDC to run a Home Based Child Care Business program. Participants will go through the process of becoming a registered daycare provider but will also take business classes. OCWNY will be providing participants with a Chromebook and some stipends for home repairs & start up costs. Rachel will be talking to someone from DOT to see if there is any funding available to see if we can tap into it for CDL cohorts. Rachel also shared the 4 more rounds of ESD grants have been put out (3/31, 6/30, 9/30, 12/31 deadlines) through the Office of Strategic Workforce Development. They are looking for proposals with high demand industries and leading to self-sufficient jobs.

5. Roundtable Discussion

Brian Chetney- Shared that some companies will be contacted regarding presentations for the 2023 Youth Summit (5/17/23- 9:00-1:30 @ Oswego County Fairgrounds). He wanted to stress that if you are presenting to remember that you are talking to 8th grade students, and to make it entertaining to them. Rachel shared that we may be able to help out with some funding for food. Brian also shared that the Youth Bureau will have mini grants available (up to \$1,000) for anything youth related that is happening out of school time.

Garrette Weiss- CiTi will be hosting Medical Day on 4/26/23 from 9:00-2:00. All 9 districts will be invited (10th, 11th, & 12th graders) and will be open to the public. They are still in the planning process and organizing groups to be involved- more to come in the near future. They will also be hosting Military Day on 5/4/23 with 7 branches attending. More to follow.

Karen Rodriquez- CiTi recently started a program called Women in Trades. It is a group of young ladies enrolled in various programs with CiTi. One of the main goals of the group right now is getting them connected to area professionals, get their craft out there and empower other young ladies. Sarah Yaw would like to invite them to the AMI.

Angela Ferlito- Fulton CSD is planning a Career Day for 3/21. It will run from 10:30-2:30 and will be a school wide event. They will have presentations from military branches, trades, and other companies. They are also doing a program called Future Educators Club where they have a group of students that they take on trips to private schools, SUNY schools, Community colleges, etc. to see how they can get on the right path. The group has roughly 35 students participating from grades 9-12. Fulton is now also offering Permit Testing at the school and is working with Youth Works on getting students driving lessons and work experience.

Alissa Viscome- will be officially handing over Youth Council duties to Nicole Damboise after today.

Nicole Damboise- Oswego Health has been working with New Vision students doing rotations within the hospital and other facilities within the county. They will also be planning a celebration with the students and have been working on employment opportunities within the hospital for when they turn 18. Oswego Health is planning on attending the Medical Day event and would like to be included in Fulton's Career Day event.

There were no further updates at this time. Brian Chetney called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rachel Pierce motioned to adjourn, Garrette Weiss 2nd the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

The next meeting will be held on May 10th, 2023 @ 9:00 a.m. at the One Stop Center located at 200 N. 2nd Street, Fulton, NY 13069.