

**Workforce Development Board of Oswego County
Partners Roundtable Committee Meeting
Wednesday, March 8, 2023
Via Zoom Video Conferencing**

“The Partners’ Roundtable shall focus on services to customers that would reduce duplication and save money that could be reinvested into the system; identify and implement “best practices” customer service strategies to a universal population; oversee public relations for the partners; and annually negotiate and prepare the MOU and cost allocation plan among the partners.”

Minutes

Present: Brian Chetney, Carla DeShaw, Diane-Cooper Currier, Eric Bresee, Kim Sizemore, Marq Brown, Peter Naughton, Patrick Sheppard, Stephanie Earle, Tania Anderson, Garrette Weiss, Zoë Vandermeulen, Colleen Casali, Roy Reehil, Tiffany Rush, Alexis Cummins

“Creating pathways to better careers and economic growth.”

Zoë Vandermeulen called the Partners Roundtable Committee Meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

1) Approval of Meeting Minutes from August 24, 2022

Zoë asked for a motion to approve the minutes from August 24, 2022 Partners Roundtable meeting. Kim Sizemore made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Garrette Weiss seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion was carried.

2) Welcome & Introductions – Zoë Vandermeulen

- Roundtable introductions of all participants on the call.

3) Partner & Staff Forum Recap and Planning Future Forums –Group discussion:

- The Partners have hosted 2 successful Partner & Staff Forums since the last meeting:
 - 1st Forum focused on services and training within the workforce area- this forum was well attended, and information was very useful.
 - 2nd Forum focused on services for senior citizens with presentations from OCO Meals on Wheels, Office for the Aging, A4TD, & RSPV. This was a very beneficial forum for OCWNY as they have recently started seeing some customers from the older population that could greatly benefit from these services.
- Zoë asked the group for topics/suggestions for future forums.
 - One topic suggestion was Creative Strategies for Workforce Development and Recruitment

- Could have OCWNY present, ACCES-VR, OnPoint, Colleen Casali all volunteered to present.
- Zoë will take the suggestions back to Rachel and work on planning the next Forum event.

4) Oswego County Workforce NY Updates- Kim Sizemore

- OCWNY has recently seen an uptick in customers and have been continuously focusing on getting our name and services out there. In February we held 2 Youth Open Houses that were attended by 13 qualified youth. We currently have 3 job fairs planned. 1st- DSS Open House 3/18 to highlight all available positions within DSS. 2nd – Annual spring job fair @ McCrobie Building 4/13. 3rd- North Country job fair in Pulaski at the OCO Literacy Zone- 5/10. OCWNY also joins as many community events as possible. OCWNY has recently collaborated with Jefferson Community College and ICP to put together a childcare bootcamp starting 4/4. They currently have 7 candidates. The candidates will receive training from JCC and from the Small Business Development Center on how to run a childcare center in their own home. OCWNY will assist with funding for First Aid, CPR, Health & Safety, Background Checks, Fingerprints, etc. They also will receive stipends to improve their homes to pass inspections and startup costs for equipment needed.

5) Roundtable – All

Eric Bresee- Farnham has scholarships available for the Farnham Training Institute for CASAC or SERPA training. They also offer paid internships. Eric did inform the group that prior education may offset some training hours, but please refer anyone who is interested their way!

Tiffany Rush- OnPoint is currently in the High School setting but wants to stress that the program is for all traditional and nontraditional students (students can be any age). They generally do not have income requirements and they try to help everyone as much as they can.

Brian Chetney- Youth Summit will be held in May at the Oswego County Fairgrounds for 8th grade students. Some partners may (or already have been) be asked to present. Brian also shared that the AmeriCorps program is looking for members for summer site.

Zoë Vandermeulen- Zoë shared that she will be sending out a Partners email blast monthly during the months that we do not have a meeting. She will compile information, flyers, etc. from the partners and then share everything in an email blast.

Garrette Weiss- CiTi BOCES will be hosting Medical Day on 4/26. They have invited all 9 districts and will have many organizations in attendance.

6) Wrap-up & Goal Setting- Group Discussion

There was nothing further to report at this time. The meeting adjourned at 9:49 a.m. **Next Meeting: Wednesday August 23, 2023 at 9:00 via Teams Video Conferencing**