

**Youth Workforce Investment Council Agenda
Central MA Workforce Investment Board
June 11, 2015**

Members Present: Ron Scott, Isidore Nosike, Dave Tirendi (proxy for Colleen Lanza), Robin Hooper, Kevin Crowley (Proxy for Janice Weekes), John Trainor, Mike Quigley, Donna Kilgore, Jena Adams, Raquel Castro-Corazzini

Members in Process/Guests: Denise Perrault, Jayna Turchek, Kelly Conlin, Amanda Salmon

Staff Present: Sean McGauley, Ed Gagne, Jeff Turgeon

Meeting Minutes

1. **Welcome & Introductions:** The meeting was called to order 2:45PM and all attendees were asked to introduce themselves.
2. **Note of Potential Conflicts of Interest & Confirmation of Quorum:** It was announced that a quorum was present and no conflicts were noted at this time.
3. **Vote:**
 - a. **Approval of Minutes of April 9, 2015:** The April 9, 2015 meeting minutes were unanimously approved by a motion by J. Adams and a second.
4. **Partner Presentation: Robin Hooper CVS Partnership:** Please see handouts section for presentation.
5. **Presentation: Discussions on Race Presentation:** Please see handouts section for materials and schedule.
6. **Discussion:**
 - a. **Youth Standing Committee WIOA:** E. Gagne reported that under the new Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), youth councils are no longer a mandate. Regions can decide to continue meeting as a Youth Council or opt to develop smaller work committees. After some discussion, the group made the following recommendation.
Vote: Upon a motion by R. Hooper and a second, the group unanimously voted to approve the recommendation to continue meeting as a Youth Standing Committee.
 - b. **YWIC/CMWIB Joint Meetings:** J. Turgeon informed the group that the CMWIB sub-committees have been asked to do some joint meetings to review each other's goals and identify overlap and where the other committees can support each other. In August, the Cultural Competency Advisory Committee has been invited to attend the YWIC meeting.
7. **Updates:**
 - a. **WIOA Youth Update:** E. Gagne reviewed the 3rd quarter stats for the local WIOA programs (please see handouts section). It was noted that there are still 3 more months and the programs well ahead of where they should be and staff are confident that goals will be met in all categories.
 - b. **YouthWorks:** S. McGauley reported that F. Kartheiser and other advocates from the region are waiting for the budget to pass. The Senate has \$11.5 million and the House has

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\$9.5 million. If the Senat budget is approved, there will be a request to use some of these funds for this summer and try to pass a supplemental in the spring for the summer of 2016. The City of Worcester's Youth Opportunities Office is coordinating the Youth Leadership Institute which is a subset of the YouthWorks program. Through the Leadership Institute, a group of youth will spend one day a week at sites throughout the City learning about the community, government, and leadership. Members were asked to submit applications to be a part of this program. YouthWorks starts the week of July 7th and runs until August.

c. Job1 Group

- **YWIC Professional Development Series:** S. McGauley announced that the YWIC will be sponsoring two professional development workshops for adults that work with youth (please see handouts section for flyers). One workshop will be presented by Central MA AHEC on Understanding Healthy Adolescent Sexuality and the other will be presented by Commonwealth Corporation on Online Application Strategies for Youth. Please register for these workshops by contacting McGauleys@worcesterma.gov

- d. **Connecting Activities** The Connecting Activities application will be submitted on Friday the 12th for 2016. The application includes some changes from last year, including a pilot Bounce session to be delivered by the CMWIB/Workforce Central. Staff are also seeking more employer-led activities in this application.
- e. **Bounce Youth Class:** J. Turgeon noted there is a plan to do an open Youth Bounce Session in late July or August. More information to come.
- f. **YWIC Member Program Updates:** J. Adams announced that Central MA AHEC is working on developing a program to help prepare community health workers to get field experience and on track as an apprentice to be certified. More information to come.

D. Tirendi announced that Job Corp's Shriver Center in Devens, MA has immediate openings for student. See D. Tirendi for more information.

R. Hooper asked that staff reach out to the new Innovation Center in Worcester to see about them hosting a future YWIC meeting.

8. Announcements: There were no other announcements at this time.

9. Next Meeting:

- a. **August 13th- Next partner presentation/host site?**

10. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 3:55PM on a motion by R. Hooper and a second.

*Respectfully submitted by,
Sean McGauley*

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