

**Youth Workforce Investment Council
Central MA Workforce Investment Board
April 13, 2017**

Members Present: Robin Hooper, Isidore Nosike, Carolyn Gordon, Judy Freedman Fask, Carrick O'Brien, Susan Orpilla (proxy for Collen Lanza), Kristen Mayotte, Robert McGlory, Jena Adams, John Trainor, Doug Daigle, Toni Poti, Mary Ellen MacRae, Kevin Crowley

Guests: Michael Araujo, Carolina Guillermo, Gabriella Couto, Kate Pesa

Staff Present: Jeff Turgeon, Ed Gagne

Meeting Minutes

1. **Welcome & Introductions:** The meeting was called to order at 2:35 p.m. 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. Absentions: Carrick O'Brien, Kristine Mayotte, Doug Daigle and Isidore Nosike.
3. **Vote:**
Approval of Minutes: The October 13, 2016 meeting minutes were unanimously approved by a motion from Toni Poti and a second by Isidore Nosike.
4. **Presentation:** Michael Araujo, Carolina Guillermo, Gabriella Couto, *Dental Hygienist Students*, MCPHS University.

Students highlighted some of the FREE dental clinic services to individuals with no health insurance or are on a limited budget. Highlights also included discounted rates for children, adult, seniors and college students on specific oral health services. To learn more, visit <https://www.mcphs.edu/>

5. **Presentation:** Jeff Turgeon, Executive Director, CMWIB

Jeff reviewed the Human Service career pathway chart developed by the CMWIB in conjunction with Nichols College. In the near future, each industry will have a similar chart detailing skill levels/steps from entry to executive and will include education and years of experience, average wage/salary, and specific job related skills and abilities.

6. **Updates:**
 - a. **WIOA Youth Update:** E. Gagne reviewed the FY18 WIOA Youth funding recommendations. As of March 31, 2017, overall achievements include: 100% of youth funds are applied toward out-of-school youth, 46% of enrolled youth are between the ages of 19-24, 54% participate in Career Ready/Work Keys 101, and 25% are disabled. Additional highlights included the WIOA Performance

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Indicators and FY17 program provider certificates and outcome status with particular attention to meaningful skills training, obtaining a diploma, earning a state recognized skills certificate, and obtaining employment.

Upon a motion by Judy Fask, and a second by John Trainor, the Fiscal Year 18 WIOA Youth recommendations were unanimously approved.

- b. **YouthWorks:** C. O'Brien mentioned the YW program will serve approximately 254 students. Participants will receive 12 hours of work readiness training and career counseling. Placement will occur at profit, non-profit, and City of Worcester host locations.
- c. **Connecting Activities:** J. Turgeon highlighted the CMIWB and its partners received funding through DESE's STEM Career Vocational Technical Education (CVTE) grant. The grant is for one (1) year and supports STEM initiatives and career exploration with a focus on Veterinary Science and related health fields.

7. Announcements:

Toni Poti mentioned the increase in minimum wage will reduce the number of jobs available this year. Summer jobs funding is reduced and Frank Kartheiser is continuing his efforts to advocate for increased funding.

C. O'Brien discussed the Worcester Jobs Fund program and the new Home Health Aide certificate training program.

E. Gagne mentioned the Youth Standing Committee/Youth Workforce Investment Council will provide a Career Information Session on May 16th from 3:00 – 5:00 at Workforce Central on a career in the Insurance Industry.

Also mentioned, April 19th – College Fair, May 8th - Financial Literacy Summit, May 11th – Workforce Central DCU Job Fair

8. Next Meeting:

- a. **June 8th – CMWIB, 340 Main Street, 4th Floor, Worcester, MA 01608.**

- 9. Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 3:55 PM.

*Respectfully submitted by,
Ed Gagne*

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