

Youth Workforce Investment Council
Dynamy, 27 Sever Street, Worcester, MA 01608
March 19 (rescheduled from February 13, 2014)
Meeting Minutes

Members Present: K.Crowley (proxy for C. Campanale), C. Hixson, R. Hooper, F. Kartheiser, D. Kilgore, J. Roach (proxy for S. Martin), K. Mayotte, R. McGlory, I. Nosike, R. Scott,
Members in Process: C. Gordon, J. Freedman-Fask, K. Conlin, P. Welch
Guests: C. Angulo, A. Lapointe, J. Poole
Staff Present: S. McGauley, J. Turgeon

1. **Welcome & Introductions:** R. Scott welcomed all guests and called the meeting to order.
2. **Note of Potential Conflicts of Interest & Confirmation of Quorum:** R. Scott announced that a quorum was present and asked if there were any conflicts; none were noted at this time.
3. **Vote:**
 - a. **Approval of Minutes of December 12, 2013:** Upon a motion and second, the committee unanimously voted to approved the December 12, 2013 meeting minutes with the addition of the of a few members that noted they were missing from the attendance list.
4. **Employer Presentation: Cynthia Angulo, National Grid:** C. Angula from National Grid presented on the Engineering Pipeline program, a program for high school and college students interested in engineering. Please see handouts section for more information.
5. **Partner Presentation: YOU, Inc.:** K. Mayotte presented on YOU, Inc. and their many successful programs. For more information please see K. Mayotte or visit www.youinc.org.
6. **Discussion:**
 - a. **YouthWorks Planning Group:** J. Turgeon reported that a planning group is forming to begin planning the YouthWorks Summer program. The group will be meeting on March 24th at 3:30PM at the CMWIB office. J. Turgeon thanked F. Kartheiser and others for their efforts at during the Youth Jobs Rally at the State House. F. Kartheiser announced that he has been working with Rep. Keefe in planning a Youth Jobs Agenda on April 3rd from 2:30-3:30PM in the Member's Lounge of the State House.
 - b. **Goals Planning Group:** The CMWIB is in the process of working with a consultant from the State on reviewing its goals and strategies. The process may include input from the YWIC. More information to come.
7. **Updates:**
 - a. **YouthWorks:** The YouthWorks Year Round program is ongoing. Two cohorts of youth have gone through the training so far. This year's program features an integration of Bounce training- a new readiness/rapport building training from Australia. J. Turgeon also announced that open enrollment for the YouthWorks Year Round program has reopened for income eligible youth for the upcoming training cohorts set for the weeks of March 31st and April 7th. Contact Bob Morrison at WCAC for more information.

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- b. Membership:** S. McGauley noted that the YWIC continues to look to increase and strengthen its membership. Several new members have been added and staff and Chair R. Scott are still looking for more private sector involvement. To suggest a member, please contact mcgauleys@worcesterma.gov.
- c. Job1 Group:** The Job1 group has been looking at adopting a Youth Work-Readiness credential for the region. The group invited a speaker from the Urban League in Boston come to a meeting to talk about the National Career Readiness Certificate.
- d. Connecting Activities:** J. Turgeon directed the Committee's attention to the Connecting Activities Progress Report (please see handouts section). Connecting Activities is a statewide program that supports work readiness for youth in High School through Career Fairs, Internships, etc. In Central MA, the program has leveraged \$100,000 in state funding with close to \$1,000,000 in private sector wages.
- e. WIA Youth Update:** E. Gagne reported that the RFP process for the 2 year procurement is currently underway. The review team will be presenting a recommendation at the next YWIC meeting. In the meantime, all questions can be directed to egagne@detma.org.

8. Next Meeting:

- a. April 10th - Next partner presentation (CMWIB for location)**

9. Adjourn: Upon a motion and a second, the meeting was adjourned at 4:12PM.

*Respectfully submitted by,
Sean McGauley
CMWIB*

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