

**Youth Workforce Investment Council Agenda
Central MA Workforce Investment Board
44 Front St. Suite 300, Worcester, MA
April 10, 2014**

Members Present: Frank Kartheiser, Jenna Glazer, Donna Kilgore, Michael Quigley, Tony Poti, Ike McBride, Jesse Edwards, Kristin Mayotte, Carlene Campanale, Cassandra Andersen, Robert McGlory, Sam Martin, Miguel Lopez, Ron Scott, Charla Hixson, Isidore Nosike

Members in Process: Judy Freedman Fask, Penny Welch, Carolyn Gordon, Kelly Conlin

Guests: Robert Thomas, Jason Poole, Jill Dagilis, Lisa Wortman Raring

Staff Present: Sean McGauley, Jeff Turgeon, Kevin Crowley

1. **Welcome & Introductions:** R. Scott called the meeting to order and asked all guests to introduce themselves.
2. **Note of Potential Conflicts of Interest & Confirmation of Quorum:** R. Scott reported that a quorum was present. The following conflicts were noted: R. Thomas, J. Poole, J. Dagilis, C. Hixson, K. Mayotte, I. Nosike, and M. Quigley.
3. **Vote:**
 - a. **Approval of Minutes of February 13, 2014:** Upon a motion and a second, the Committee unanimously voted to approve the February 13, 2014 meeting minutes.
 - b. **FY'15 WIA Out-of-School Year Round Youth Programming:** J. Turgeon reported that this year's proposal review team included himself, R. Hooper, P. Quinn, and E. Gagne and he thanked them for their time and effort. The Committee was then asked to review the WIA Year Round Youth Programming Score sheet (please see handouts section). Five proposals were received which included Martin Luther King Jr., Business Employment Center (MLK-BEC), Youth Opportunities Upheld, Inc. (YOU, Inc.), Training Resources of America (TRA), Worcester Community Action Council (WCAC), and the Fieldstone School. It was noted that proposals are required to meet the minimum score of 70 to be considered for funding, all five proposals scored above this threshold; however, it is anticipated that funding will not allow us to fully fund all five as proposed. The review team had put the following two recommendations forth for the Committee:
Option 'A' - Fund all five of the proposals, with funding amounts and service numbers to be negotiated by staff, including a reduction to the proposal scoring the lowest among the five.
Option 'B' - Fund the four highest scoring proposals (TRA, WCAC, Fieldstone School, and YOU, Inc.) and leave a set aside amount available to be accessed for youth Individual Training Accounts (ITAs), Bounce Training, and keep a reserve to offset any budget cuts from a possible sequestration next year.
Vote: Upon a motion by D. Kilgore and a second by S. Martin, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend Option 'A' to the CMWIB.
Abstentions: The following members abstained from the vote: C. Hixson, K. Mayotte, I. Nosike, and M. Quigley (note: R. Thomas, J. Dagilis, and J. Poole are not voting members of the YWIC).

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4. **Partner Presentation: Kelly Conlin- Youth Villages:** K. Conlin and L. Wortman Raring presented on the Youth Villages program.

5. **Updates:**

a. **YouthWorks:** The YouthWorks Year Round program began in February and offers 100 income eligible youth a 30-hour work readiness training (which includes the new Bounce program brought here from Australia), followed by 7 weeks of subsidized employment at local nonprofit, public, and for-profit locations. The program is being managed by the Worcester Community Action Council (WCAC) on behalf of the CMWIB and targets hard to serve out-of-school youth 18-21.

Planning for the Summer YouthWorks program is underway. Application packets are out now and a planning team is drafting this year's program application.

The group thanked F. Kartheiser for his work at the state house and for advocating for the funding.

b. **Job1 Group:** The Job1 group is waiting for the state to roll out the new statewide Career Readiness Credential. More information to come.

c. **Connecting Activities:** Connecting Activities is a state Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) funded partnership to help increase student preparation for career readiness through the brokering of internships, part-time jobs, job shadowing, job fairs and other activities designed to help high school students understand the workplace. Connecting Activities has leveraged roughly \$100,000 of funding locally with nearly \$1,000,000 in private sector wages for youth.

d. **YWIC Member Program Updates:** S. Martin announced that the Worcester Youth Center recently hosted its Youth Violence Forum. The event was well-attended and will include a follow up meeting on May 12th.

C. Andersen announced that the City of Worcester will be hosting "Real Talk about Youth, Alcohol, Medical Marijuana, and Prescription Drugs" on Wednesday, April 30th (please see handouts section for flyer).

J. Poole announced that YOU, Inc. will be hosting a Youth & Young Adult Career Fair. The flyer for the event has been posted on the Youth Opportunities Office Google share site.

6. **Next Meeting:**

a. **June 12th - Next partner presentation: WPS Transitions Program & Jobs with Justice Presentation**

7. **Adjourn:** There being no other announcements, the meeting was adjourned at 3:49PM.

Respectfully submitted by,
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