

**Youth Workforce Investment Council Agenda
Grafton Job Corps
October 9, 2014**

Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Ron Scott, Isidore Nosike, Robin Hooper, David Tirendi (proxy for Mark Riolo), Dave Wallace, John Trainor, Jenna Glazer, Yaritza Rivera(proxy for Maurie Bergeron), Chris Hebert (proxy for Donna Kilgore)

Members in Process/Guests: Penny Welch, Carolyn Gordon, Kelly Conlin, Denise Perrault, Paul Kosky, Chris Hebert, Judy Freedman Fask, Jason Gibson

Staff Present: Sean McGauley, Ed Gagne, Roy Lucas

1. **Welcome & Introductions:** Grafton Job Corps Center Director, M. Riolo welcomed everyone and introduced the Job Corps program. R. Scott thanked M. Riolo and the Job Corps team for hosting the YWIC meeting.
2. **Note of Potential Conflicts of Interest & Confirmation of Quorum:** There were no conflicts noted at this time.
3. **Vote:**
 - a. **Approval of Minutes of August 14, 2014:** The August 14, 2014 meeting minutes were unanimously approved on a motion by D.Wallace and a second by R. Hooper.
4. **Partner Presentation:** D. Tirendi, M. Riolo, D. Perrault, and J. Gibson presented about the Grafton Job Corps program (please see handouts for more information and flyers).
5. **Updates:**
 - a. **WIA Youth Update:** E. Gagne reported that the WIA programs have recently gone through a state review process for certification. There were no issues. E. Gagne thanked the vendors for their work. The group thanked E. Gagne for his monitoring work.
 - b. **YouthWorks:** CMWIB staff are now finalizing a Summer Youth Employment eNewsletter which should be out soon. Please contact S. McGauley at McGauleys@worcesterma.gov to submit success stories. Planning for the year round program is ongoing. This program is anticipated to serve roughly 43 youth in Worcester through two cohorts.
 - c. **Job1 Group**
 - **Suitable You:** S. McGauley reminded members that the YWIC had developed a new program for young men in need of a professional outfit for interviews or first day of a new job. The program was put in place through a generous donation from a local private sector business arranged through staff. For more information please contact E. Gagne at GagneE@worcesterma.gov or S. McGauley at McGauleys@worcesterma.gov.
 - **GROW Awards:** The Growing & Readyng Our Workforce (GROW) awards is an awards event created through the YWIC and Job1 Group to highlight area employers going above and beyond for youth workforce development (please see handouts section for information from last year's event). Staff will be

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contacting YWIC members to form a working group to plan the event. If interested, please contact S. McGauley at McGauleys@worcesterma.gov.

- **YWIC Professional Development Series:** Staff is looking at creating a free Professional Development Series for front-line youth staff of YWIC member programs. The first of the series being planned is on ice breakers. YOU, Inc. will be working with CMWIB staff to offer the training. More information to come.
- d. **Connecting Activities:** *Worcester Public Schools:* Over 120 students enrolled, 100 participated and 84 went on to complete the College Community Connection (CCC) program which was held from June 23 through July 18. On June 21, the CCC students attended an orientation to the program at North High School from 9 am – 1 pm. During this orientation, students were motivated by David Hill to do good things with their life. Then students rotated through 3 workshops to ready them for work: a financial literacy workshop presented by Worcester Technical High School students, ShaAsia Taylor and Esmely Torres, a thinking about the future workshop by Jon Dyer and a communication workshop from Roy Lucas from the One Stop Career Center.
Blackstone Valley Education Foundation: BVEF awarded a \$55,000 state grant to support and expand its manufacturing career awareness campaign. The Blackstone Valley Education Foundation (BVEF) will establish a pilot program known as the Mass Manufacturing Pipeline Program (M2P2) to provide collaboration between its member public school districts and area manufacturers, including identifying prospective students, offering on-site training sessions and creating a recommended technical skills-oriented curriculum.
- e. **Bounce Youth Class:** R. Lucas reported about the Bounce Program, a program that helps people develop their soft skills, job readiness skills, lifestyle, and overall employability. Workforce Central Career Center has collaborated with some other local agencies to deliver the Bounce Program. Classes will also be offered at the career center and staff continue to look for other opportunities to partner with area youth groups. For more information, please contact R. Lucas at LucasR@workforcecentralma.org.
- f. **YWIC Member Program Updates:** J. Glazer announced that the Gateways to College program will be hosting an info session and open house (please see handouts section for more information).
R. Lucas reported that Workforce Central, in collaboration with Worcester Public Schools and Quinsigamond Community College are recruiting for their MCAS Prep Course. For more information, please contact R. Lucas at LucasR@workforcecentralma.org.
C. Gordon announced that October 15th is National White Caine Day and there will be an event hosted on Worcester City Hall Plaza at noon.

6. Next Meeting:

- a. **December 11th- Next partner presentation/host site?**

7. **Adjourn:** There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned by a motion by J. Freedman-Fask.

Respectfully submitted by,
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