

**Youth Workforce Investment Council Agenda
Central MA Workforce Investment Board
CMWIB Office (44 Front St. Suite 300, Worcester, MA)
August 13, 2015**

Members Present: Ron Scott, Colleen Lanza, Robin Hooper, Kevin Crowley (Proxy for Janice Weekes), Doug Daver (Proxy for Mike Quigley), Donna Kilgore, Jena Adams, Tony Poti, Robert McGlory, Cedric Arno, Judy Freedman-Fask, Jenna Glazer, Miguel Lopez

Members in Process/Guests: John Trainor, Dave Tirendi, Raquel Castro-Corazzini, Chantel Bethea, Monica Bond

Staff Present: Sean McGauley, Ed Gagne, Jeff Turgeon, Sonia Hernandez, Roy Lucas, Maria Siemaszko, Jennithan Cortes

Meeting Minutes

1. **Welcome & Introductions:** R. Scott called the meeting to order 2:36PM and asked all guests 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 June 11, 2015 :** The June 11, 2015 meeting minutes were unanimously approved upon a motion by T. Poti and a second.
4. **Updates:**
 - a. **WIOA Youth Update:** E. Gagne reported that all youth under WIOA programs are now enrolling in the WorkKeys 101online program. The group discussed and there was a lot of interest in the WorkKeys 101 program.
Action: E. Gagne to schedule a WorkKeys 101 presentation for a future meeting.
It was also reported that Consumer Protection Bureau chose Worcester as 1 of 25 cities to provide financial literacy to youth in year round employment programs.
 - b. **YouthWorks:** J. Turgeon reported that this summer's YouthWorks program served 373 youth in Southbridge, Worcester, and Webster. These numbers were about 50 less than last year due to an increase in the minimum wage. This summer's program was aligned with the City Manager's Youth Corps which funded an additional 8 youth that will be working in departments throughout the city. On August 21st at 1:00PM at the Chamber there will be a YouthWorks graduation, please contact TurgeonJ@worcesterma.gov for more information.
WCAC has been working with its employer host sites to adjust schedule to ensure that all of the YouthWorks allocation is spent down.
This year's YouthWorks Year-Round program is being ramped up earlier with a plan submission due into Commonwealth Corporation in early September. The Central MA region will be allocated roughly \$62,800 to serve 29 youth. There will be a Community Meeting held at the Worcester Public Library on Monday, August 17th at 2:00PM to help plan the YouthWorks Year-Round program. Contact TurgeonJ@worcesterma.gov for more information.

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- 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:** For the 2015-2016 initiative there continues to be a push for more employer engagement and recruitment. The CMWIB will have a booth for the November 5th Chamber's Business Expo Conference and Trade Show. This event is held each fall at the DCU Center and is one of the largest business-to-business events in New England. The CMWIB and its partners will also recruit existing Connecting Activities employers to help with the booth and outreach to potential new employer partners through this event.
 - e. **YWIC Member Program Updates:** J. Glazer announced that the Gateway to College program is now recruiting (please see handout section for schedule). Grafton Job Corps is breaking ground on a new culinary building in mid-September. More information to come.
Job Corps is also recruiting for young women in non-traditional trades. Please contact Dave Tirendi for more information.
5. **Announcements:** There were no other announcements at this time.
 6. **Cultural Competency Discussion:** The Youth Standing Committee and the Cultural Competence Advisory Committee broke into small group to discuss how they can support each other (please see discussion notes). The notes will be compiled and the committee chairs will meet to discuss how they can be implemented into the goals.
 7. **Next Meeting:**
 - a. **October 8th- Next partner presentation/host site? Innovation Center?**
8. **Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 4:42PM on a motion and a second.

*Respectfully submitted by,
Sean McGauley
CMWIB Staff*

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