

**Youth Workforce Investment Council Agenda
Central MA Workforce Investment Board
December 10, 2015**

Members Present: Ron Scott, Raquel Corazzini, Robin Hooper, Kevin Crowley, John McGovern, Kelsey Lamoureux (proxy for Charla Hixson).

Members in Process/Guests: Kim Shaw, Kobena Bonney, Sarah Loizeaux

Staff Present: Ed Gagne, Kwesi Foster

Meeting Minutes

1. **Welcome & Introductions:** The meeting was called to order 2:40 PM by Mr. Ron Scott and 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 and no conflicts were noted at this time.
3. **Vote:**
 - a. **Approval of Minutes of October 8, 2015:** The October 8, 2015 meeting minutes were unanimously approved by a motion by Robin Hooper and a second.
4. **Presentation: Sarah Loizeaux, Disability Resource Coordinator:** Reference handouts for detailed information or contact FosterK@worcesterma.gov for electronic copies of documents.
5. **Presentation: Kobena A. Bonney, Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission:** Reference handouts for detailed information or contact FosterK@worcesterma.gov for electronic copies of documents.
6. **Discussion:**
 - a. **WIOA RFP:** E. Gagne indicated that the RFP will be released in February, date TBA. He highlighted new legislation pertaining to the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Youth programs. The RFP will include changes to the new legislation governing Federal programs and requested feedback from the Cultural Competency Committee.
7. **Updates:**
 - a. **WIOA Youth Update:** E. Gagne highlighted Work Keys/Career Ready 101 and encouraged all sites to use the curriculum to enhance individual workplace skill attainment and competencies.
 - b. **YouthWorks Year-Round:** K. Lamoureux provided highlights of the program. It served 43 out of school youth aged 18-21 and featured a one-week work readiness training followed by 6 weeks of subsidized employment at local nonprofit, public, and for-profit locations.
 - c. **Job1 Group:** E. Gagne mentioned the CMWIB is looking to revive Job1 as a coalition with the development of new services in conjunction with the City Manager's office and the City's Youth Opportunities Office, including possibly an outreach campaign to businesses, and research into creating a youth run bookstore café and an IT/Cyber Security training program for at risk youth.

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- d. **Connecting Activities:** E. Gagne reported Northborough High School was added as a Partner School. Outreach to other schools in the Southern Worcester County will continue. Overall, approximately 3,469 youth have taken part in number of career learning activities and events, such as Career Day & Manufacturing Day employer open house facility tours, field trips, development of work-based learning plans, and Career Exploration activities.
 - e. **AMP It Up Grant:** E. Gagne reported QCC hosted students and school staff at its Manufacturing Day event at their campus. WPS will be establishing externships for its education staff as well. We have also added another partner for this initiative; Pride Productions a non-profit organization that will provide training in broadcasting and video production through its Tech Access internet based radio station education program. We are also working with QCC on next year's program which will include an "asset mapping" project to identify which schools in Central MA have 3d printing equipment, software, and classes with the hope of creating "Maker Academies" in schools in the future.
8. **Announcements:** There were no other announcements at this time.
9. **Next Meeting:**
- a. **February 11th – CMWIB, 340 Main Street, 4th Floor, Worcester – New Location!**
10. **Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 PM on a motion by Robin Hooper and a second.

*Respectfully submitted by,
Ed Gagne*

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