

Attendees: Chuck Allan, Frank Alvarad, Leroy Banks (Guest), Viatta Carter, Cassilda Campbell, Cassara Cole, Theodore Jordan Jr., Shalym Náter Vázquez, Bibianna Silvera-Portacio, Caridad Sosa-Blackwell, Delia Smith, Patricia Stovall-Lane, Sentretta Syntt Brumfield (Guest), Alicia Ward (Guest), Antwan Williams

Welcome/ Member Sharing

PathStone

- Setting aside time for team building and developing new relationships
 - Will be shutting down for ½ day on August 5th
 - Upstate, Downstate and Ohio offices to get together on that day
- Hosting All state, all staff training in Buffalo at the Millennium Hotel
 - Going back to the basics
 - Basic training
 - Fashion show- dos and don'ts for work attire
- Emergency housing- increased funds
- Waiting to hear back from Re-entry grants for youth

RochesterWorks

- Leroy Banks, Community Outreach Specialist
 - Educating the community on what RWI is as a whole
- Career Center
 - New Disability Resource Coordinator- Lindsay Murphy
 - Informing the community on how RW works with individuals with disabilities
 - Available to conduct workshops on disabilities awareness and will be working with businesses as well
 - Looking to bring her in to a future meeting to discuss services

Monroe County Department of Human Services and Mental Health

- Office of mental health is working hard on responding to needs around community violence
- Working on getting mental health clinics into the RCSD- specifically in the elementary schools
- Community Integration Project- looking at how county social services can be more accessible to the community

Refugees Helping Refugees

- Recently hired on new staff within Leadership
 - Executive Director
 - TESOL Teacher
 - Communication Specialist/
 - Senior Project Manger
 - Office Manager
- Received a grant for the Anti-Asian Hate Initiative and have partnered with a Vietnamese Asian- American non-profit to share the grant and offer support
- Thirty-five youth have taken the TASC and MCC Admission's test- waiting for results
- Currently have a waiting list for the WIOA program

Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Rochester (CCCS)

- Go For Gold- Youth Financial Literacy Program
- Ambassador program up and running
 - Currently have one student ambassador helping with marketing and with program recruitment within their school
- Renewed funding from the County and ESL for the next 3- 5 years

ACCES-VR

- Currently open to the public and taking appointments
- National Disability Employment Month- will have dates coming out for October

Ibero- American Action League

- Soft open for the Community Resource Center, 216 Clifford Avenue
- Moved sustainability employment and educational services to the new location
- Will serve as the gatekeeper of the agency and be the first point of contact
 - If unable to provide services will refer internally or externally depending on the needs of the client
- Building includes Conference room, multimedia room- will be able to be utilized by the community to organize
- All are welcome to visit

Guest Speaker: Alicia Ward, SUNY ATTAIN (Advanced Technology Training and Information Networking) Lab

- Trenton & Pamela Jackson R-Center, 485 N. Clinton Ave.
- 2nd lab location at REOC
- Alicia Ward and Rama Alligood, Lab Technology Coordinators
- Currently hosting the Microsoft 2022 Summer Institute
 - Goal is for participants to gain Microsoft Office Certifications

- Target population- youth 16- 24 years of age, individuals within TANF households
- July 5th-July 29th : 2nd session
- August 1st- Sept. 2nd – 3rd session
- Offer in-person and remote sessions
- Training opportunities
 - Computer Training- Microsoft Digital Literacy
 - Academic Preparation- supporting individuals working on attaining their HSE
 - Career Guidance- Learning Career Exploration, Resume Writing, Job Search Assistance
 - Life Skills Training, Resource Networking
 - Professional Development- Job Skills, Soft Skills, Job Placement & Retention
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RocSEEDS

- Program is slated to end June 30, 2022
- In an effort to spend down funds and engage more youth, RW is currently partnering with YAMTEP (Young Adult Manufacturing Training Employment Program) to offer 3 weeks of Warehouse and Distribution Training at \$15/ hour
 - Mon-Wednesday will be attending training and on Thursdays & Fridays, RochesterWorks! in collaboration with other partners are providing workshops on areas outside of workforce development
 - Nutrition- provided by Sentretta Syntt Brumfield
 - Mental Health
 - Financial Literacy- provided by CCCS of Rochester
 - Keys to Renting- provided by the Housing Council
- Sentretta Syntt Brumfield
 - Provides nutrition as well as mental health services
 - Both go hand in hand- all about self-care
 - Important to engage and connect with youth
 - When you become concerned with what the youth want out of life
 - Representation and sincerity are important in connecting with one another and especially with youth
 - Currently located out of SWAN at Montgomery Center

GVP

- Similar to RocSEEDs, with the addition of wrap around services
- Currently have a 100-youth enrolled, program slated to end March 2023
 - Goal initially was to enroll 450 youth

- Due to the late start of the program and rolling out of funds and engagement of youth will be looking to double the current enrolled numbers within the next 6 months (200)

SYEP

- 176 youth slated for Direct Placement, 185 youth for Program
- Working with forty employers
- 3 years ago, during the pandemic only were able to serve 355 youth
- Last year- 400 youth and this year we are well over
- Prior to the pandemic RW averaged 800 youth, goal was and still is to reach ~1,000 youth
- Have engaged with the City School District to promote SYEP process and program
- Switching focus to be Youth Lead, will be creating Youth Ambassadors to promote SYEP within their schools
 - Currently collaborating with Emerging Leaders to review materials and application to offer feedback
- City of Rochester received a grant from the Summer Jobs Connect and will be partnering with RW and CCCS of Rochester to help youth setup bank accounts
 - Will be rolling out to all SYEP and SOOP youth next year
- Application is still open: <https://rocsummeryouth.com/>

WIOA

- B. Silvera-Portacio working on finalizing monitoring for all youth programs to wrap up current program year
- Distributed Quarterly report cards to programs- awaiting Performance Indicators information from the State
- Funding
 - Loss \$200,000 in funding about a year ago
 - 1 lay off and was able to get funding from ESL
 - For this year, funding is still limited and will be releasing a program
 - Struggled the 1st and 2nd year
 - Programming, vouchering process
 - A lot of turnovers at the program and administrator level
 - Refugees Helping Refugees
 - Looking to switch the Navigator position into GVP
 - Looking to bring them under RW and continue to house them at their location and will be able to provide with mentoring and technical leadership that is necessary
 - Met with program and they agreed with their experience with the grant

- Going into the 3rd funding cycle for WIOA
 - RFP to be released in Nov/ Dec. 2022 where programs will have to reapply and or leave the opportunity for new organizations
- Same navigator position
 - GVP is an extension of WIOA- with extended services
 - March 2023- program is slated to end
 - Will ensure to stay connected to RHR with services
 - Funding will come from GVP
 - RHR will no longer need to manage the funding

Next Meeting- September 8, 2022