

**Attendees:** Chuck Allen, Emily Aquino, Cassilda Campbell, Viatta Carter, Michael DeBole, Rebecca Haberbusch, Leslie Harvey, Theodore Jordan Jr, Lee Koslow, Lindsay Murphy, Julia Rood, Bibianna Silvera-Portacio, Dr. Patrica Stovall- Lane, Antwan Williams,

## **Welcome/ Member Sharing**

### **Pathstone**

- Currently Hybrid Work mode- working at 50% office capacity
- Farms tomorrow- delivering food and clothing to workers from Jamaica

### **Housing Council**

- Taking on a new initiative with County of Monroe to assist with more access to affordable living
  - Getting the word out for housing
  - Skyview units- Irondequoit Mall
  - Ensuring to reach those left out of the process in suburban areas
- Seniors 55+ that are eligible and get their name on the list- Contact Leslie Harvey

### **RochesterWorks!**

- 57 St. Paul Youth Team location- total staff of 10
  - Still working on a hybrid schedule
  - ½ of staff have children and are home
  - Virtual tour of space
  - Those providing Direct Service to the public- Navigators will sit closer to the entrance and going further back Administration will be located
  - Back-office space to be used for Summer Employment for Summer Program Monitors
    - To fit 5 Monitors
  - Training room, conference room- to be named after Pete Pecor
  - Entire building is City and houses multiple Youth Programming
    - Ages 12- 24
  - Transit Center is directly across the street
    - Expected to bring in more traffic of potential clients
  - Currently in the process of setting up a meeting with Department Leaders to learn about all resources being offered and how each program can be of a resource and referral agent to each other
  - Will be a One-Stop for all youth related services

### **SYEP Update**

- Updated website: rocsummeryouth.com
- User friendly for Youth, Parents and Employers
  - New website
  - Drop down tab for how to apply

- Employers Tab- will explain how they can partner with us and the forms used for application to the program
- Parent Orientation (offered in English and Spanish) to help give an overview of program, requirements, and expectations
- Website has been streamlined and added the Apply Now tab streamline the application
- As of today, 758 youth have applied
- Sent out information to RWI distribution list of community partners/ organizations/ school counselors to get the word out
  - Asking for you to share the information with your youth and within your networks
  - To also lend a helping hand to a youth with the process
- Marketing materials are available in English and Spanish
- Partnered with ACCESS-VR, Industry and Foster Care to make sure their students are aware of the process and can apply
- WDKX- recorded announcement running
- Process
  - Application window opened on March 1<sup>st</sup>- March 26<sup>th</sup>
  - Youth can apply directly online, create an online account with Doc Collect where they will have access to upload all mandatory documentation (Application Signature Report, Social Security Card, Work Permit, Picture ID, Report Card)
- Cutoff date is May 31<sup>st</sup> to be 14 years of age
- How safe will it be for youth to be onsite for Employment
  - All are following State Guidelines: Social Distancing, PPE
- Last year served over 300 youth and had a zero percent infection rate and are anticipating the same for this year
- Will the Deadline date be extended?
  - Will look at that as it comes closer to the deadline date, last year the date was extended to allow youth more time to apply

### **SYEP Funded Programs for 2021**

- Issued RFP for SYEP
- Review was created to review, discuss, and recommend programs to fund
  - 9 proposals were submitted and of those, 8 was recommended to fund
    - The Community Place of Greater Rochester, Inc.
    - Action for A Better Community, Inc.
    - Writers & Books
    - YMCA of Greater Rochester
    - Pearl Resources, Inc.
    - Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES
    - Taproot Collective
    - Boys & Girls Clubs of Rochester, Inc.
  - Decided not to fund Encompass Resources for Learning
    - Proposal did not meet RFP requirements
    - Did not discuss partnerships

- Failed to elaborate on work activities
- Program was recommended to apply as a Direct Placement Employer
- Looking at \$544,500 for the proposed budget
- All have been funded programs in the past, not new to the process
- Looking at Summer Camp, Apprenticeships, Landscape
- A lot of agencies are connecting youth directly to employers
- Review Team Reviewed Proposals
  - Based on the average they were ranked from highest to lowest
  - The top 2 ranked programs were veterans
    - The Community Place of Greater Rochester, Inc
    - Action for A Better Community, Inc.
- Any objections to the proposed recommendations?
  - None were made by the Monroe County/ RochesterWorks! Youth Council

#### **WIOA Announcements**

- Bibi is currently wrapping up monitoring of programs
- Recently RWI applied for a Grant with the ESL Community foundation in response to the digital divide
  - Approved for \$50,000 -purchased 92 laptops, 85 Wi-Fi hotspots
- Processed 17 requests to date for the Navigator Workforce Development Program
- Upcoming- NYATEP Youth Practitioners Learning Lab, March 30-April 6<sup>th</sup>
- SWIFFY, DHS 101, Childcare Council held a Childcare Resource day
  - Preparing the reopening of childcare services and grants
  - Rochester Housing Authority- has access to help assist with Child Care Services until that family is able to secure a Childcare subsidy from DHS
- American Recovery Act- 31 million dollars will be allocated to Childcare resources
- NYS COVID Site- Avenue E
  - RTS will be providing Free transportation to that site
  - Goodwill has transportation assistance available as well

#### **WIOA Updates**

- Working with getting Providers to wrap up MOUs
  - If they are working with an agency outside of their own to provide services for youth, will need an agreement in place
- Antwan will be working with Providers to fill in the gaps
  - How we should be operating among each other
- If you are aware of any employers that could benefit from being a part of the group
- Institutions to get more dollars- to ensure allocation of dollars
  - What that looks like

#### **Open Discussion**

- What are we doing/offering for Financial Literacy training for our clients?
- For Summer Employment we partner with CCSI for Financial Literacy Training materials
  - Look into trainer to trainer for Navigators on Financial Literacy/ Youth clients

- On a monthly basis at RWI Career Center offers CCSI Financial Literacy Workshops for Adults 18 years of age and older on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month
  - Held via Zoom
- Connecting with Community Churches, Barbershops and how do we get the information to them
  - Partnering with churches, synagogues, etc.
- Resource mapping
  - Is there a list of churches- contact information?
  - To collect and add to the distribution list
    - Can reach out to the Mayor's Office
- Pastors and Community Liaisons understand that the information is in the best interest of their congregants

**Next Meeting- Thursday, June 10, 2021**