Attendees: Chuck Allen, Cassilda Campbell, Viatta Carter, Jennifer Geiger, Rebecca Haberbusch, Leslie Harvey, Theodore Jordan, Lee Koslow, Behiye Mansour, John Premo, Bibianna Silvera-Portacio, Caridad Sosa-Blackwell, Antwan Williams,

Welcome/ Member Sharing

Pathstone

Housing Council

- Completed a joint project with Monroe County on the Skyview Park Apartments in Irondequoit
  - Tasked with community outreach to the underserved population
    - Efforts have paid off
    - Had a lottery drawing and looking forward to getting new residents in the town

ACCES-VR

- Continuing providing services and working remotely
- Providing services for people with disabilities and have seen an increase in applications
- Gearing up for SYEP 2021
  - ACCES-VR counselors and vendors that assist with youth and internships
- Recently had representatives from MCC come in and discuss their Youth Apprenticeship program
  - Looking forward to more career paths to utilize apprenticeships for people with disabilities

DePaul

- Staff are continuing to work on a hybrid work schedule
- Looking forward to more referrals from ACCES-VR

RochesterWorks!

- College Ave. Career Center is continuing to assist customers virtually with:
  - Job search assistance
  - Resume development
  - Interviewing skills
- Youth Center on St. Paul
  - Officially back in the office at 50% capacity
  - Not currently seeing clients in office, but expecting to pick business back up for the summer

Refugees Helping Refugees

- Looking forward to the continued collaboration with RWI
SYEP Update

- Overview of the program within the past 3 years
- Online application submissions in 2018: 2,555 (RWI served 445 youth)
- 2019: 2,545 (RWI served 485 youth)
- 2020: 1,996 (RWI served 174 youth)
- 2021: 2,033
  - Out of those only 403 applicants have completed document submission
    - City 202, RW 201
  - Response rate has been low this year
    - Extended application deadline to June 18, 2021
  - Projected total for RWI to serve this summer is 480 youth
    - 205 youth for Direct Placement
    - 275 youth for Programs
      - Low response is a statewide trend
        - Many youths are not returning to work and/or are competing for jobs with the adult population
- If connected with youth, direct them to our website (rocsummeryouth.com) to apply and encourage them to submit the required documents
  - For convenience, documents can be collected via DocCollect, a secure online system
    - For those experiencing difficulties with submitting electronically, there is a drop box at the Career Center, 100 College Ave.
- Sent out a press release to notify the public of the deadline extension
- Purchased news ads on Channel 8 and 13
- Radio commercial on WDKX
- Connected with Social Media Influencer, Chaz Bruce
  - He is well connected with Rochester Youth
- Sent out correspondence to our partners and to youths within our database
- Connected with RCSD Administrators
  - A report is sent out bi-weekly letting them know how many youths from each school has submitted their documents
- Continuing a dual partnership with ACCES-VR
  - Will connect eligible youth to ACCES-VR
- 10 programs were approved for 2021 SYEP
  - Supplying 205 positions
- Working behind the scenes
  - RCSD to employee 30 youth for a special program
- Working on putting together a meeting in September to bring together all youth service partners
  - To get a plan in place and get the word out early
  - Remove barriers to make the process as seamless as possible
- Website upgrade
  - Currently youth must create a username/password for both application and DocCollect
Next year will have 1 system in place which will require only one username and password

- Program slots vs Direct Placement
  - Look into next year to increase the wages to increase engagement

- Looking into surveying youth
  - See what social media platforms they use
  - Barriers they have come across and/or are faced with

- Advertising the benefits of working for SYEP

**Guest Speaker: Tyrone Reaves, YAMTEP**

- Young Adult Manufacturing Training Employment Program
- Running a special session for outgoing High School Seniors
  - Graduating, aging out, or not returning to school
  - July 6-29th class to take place
    - Have employers that will hire
    - Looking to enroll between 30-50 youth
    - Offer transportation
- Working with RCSD and Suburban High Schools in addition to Isaac University and MCC
- Qualifications
  - High school diploma not required
  - Only requirement, is for youth to be interested in working full time
  - Mon-Weds. 8:30am-12:30pm
    - Youth will have to exhibit within the 4-week program, their seriousness
- Offer basic low skills training, CNC Machine Operator Training, Warehouse Inventory Management, Welding training- goal is to work with all local training providers
- No charge to students, they are a value-added service
- 87% success rate with training, retention, and placement
- Showing up every day, on time and participate- students are required to clock in and will not be placed if they are not on time
- Adult program is a 12-week program

**WIOA Updates**

- Distributed an email a month ago, announced RWI as the recipient of $150,000 grant from ESL Foundation
  - To fill in for the $200,000 in cuts we were facing for the new WIOA program year
    - To use those dollars to stabilize positions, support budget line items, Supportive Services, and funding for ITA’s
    - Will be able to continue to support youth with internet access to the Hotspots
- Performance Measures Program Year 2019 (PY 2019)
  - Received report card from the State
    - Percentage of youth in an Employment, Education or Training Placement 2nd Quarter after exit
      - Goal was 72.5% and our youth were at 68.9%, which is 95% of the goal
Anything 80% or higher of the goal is passing

- Percentage of youth in an Employment, Education or Training Placement 4th Quarter after exit
  - Goal was 63% and our youth were at 70.3%, which is 111.6% of the goal
- In comparison to other programs Statewide we are doing great with our numbers
- For current program year 2020, the State will not penalize on any failures with performance
  - Due to the challenges faced with COVID

Open Discussion

- Potential Partnerships
  - Job Corps - reached out to explore occupying space within the 57 St. Paul location
    - Discussed the potential of co-enrollment with youth to increase performance measures
  - City will be giving a presentation on their services and how they can collaborate with RWI

- Additional Funding
  - Come across opportunities that RWI can be a part of and/or benefit from, please feel free to connect with Antwan

- Refugees Helping Refugees is looking to purchase a building, if you have any leads, please share with Caridad

Next Meeting - Thursday, September 9, 2021