

Attendees: Chuck Allen, Cassilda Campbell, Viatta Carter, Jennifer Geiger, Rebecca Habebusch, 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 employ 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