Attendees: Antwan Williams, Caridad Sosa-Blackwell, Hanif Abdul-Wahid, Richard Turner, Theo Jordan, Becka Haberbusch, Bibianna Silvera-Portacio, Chuck Allen, Jennifer Geiger, Julia Rood, Emily Aquino, Pete Pecor, Dr. Patricia Stovall-Lane, Cassilda Campbell

Welcome/ Member Sharing

- Monroe County
  - Completed 2nd Drive through Job Fair
    - Arc of Monroe, 16 people in attendance
  - Upcoming at the Heritage Christian Services
  - Since Pandemic held 30 events for businesses, more than 650 people have applied directly to jobs
    - Have been a lot of quality over quantity
    - Will be having a few more job fairs upcoming with SWIFY at the end of the month

- RW
  - Moved the Career Center to 100 College Ave.
  - Not open to the public as of yet, awaiting to hear from the Department of Labor what they will be doing with their staff
  - Have continued to work with the County on recruitment
  - Have been offering services remotely
    - E-learning
    - Online workshops
  - As of yesterday, received the approval from COR to move in
    - Working on a hybrid working schedule for staff
    - 4 other youth programs ongoing in the building for 14 years of age and under
    - With our programs, will offer a nice blend and work collaboratively for all youth ages
  - In a future meeting will be looking at what services/
  - Utilize TANIF dollars to provide summer employment programming to look like moving forward
    - Currently serving WIOA for 16-24 populations
    - 6 agencies, 21 Navigators
    - To look like what it will look like moving forward to enhance services

- PathStone
  - Refunded for next 4 years for the National Jobs Program
    - Thank you for letters of support
  - Transitioning operations
    - Cannot provide transportation to participants
    - Appointments, only one at a time in the conference room
  - Safety training conducted on zoom
  - New York, Vermont Ohio and Puerto Rico- 4 States offering services via zoom
  - 4 major food programs within in New York
• Received additional funding in FEMA to help out with rural areas
• Refunded and increase in CSBG grant for supportive services

• ACCESS-VR
  o Back to normal operations - office closed to the public
  o Currently accepting application - submitted online or mail in application
  o Meeting/ intakes taking place remotely
    o Youth services/ training programs
  o Continuing to partner with RW on workshops for jobseekers
    o Interviewing, job seekers tips
  o Next month National Disability Employment month
    o Will be recognizing 7 employers
      • Honeoye Public Library will be receiving a statewide award

• DePaul WorkGuide
  o Still accepting referrals from ACCESS VR
  o Classes being offered via zoom

• Refugees Helping Refugees
  o Started new partnership with U of R
  o STEM pilot program
    o Immigrant/ refugee program for out of school youth
    o Creating mentorships with Board Members with a health care background
  o Distributing fresh produce to the community
    o Applied for culturally sensitive grant
    o Food being distributed every Thursday is based on different cultural diets for the population they serve
  o $32,500 for assisting and working with Non-profit grant received from United Way

• County DHS
  o Services are ongoing
  o Many still out in the community
    o Juvenile Justice System, Child Protective Services, etc,

SYEP Updates

• Implemented the summer program successfully
  o 1,996 online applications
  o DOT Collect system in place where youth were able to submit documentation
  o 493 applications were eligible
    ▪ Unable to place 161 youth due to funding
    ▪ 18 youth did not qualify
      • Did not meet the resident/income requirements
  o Employed 332 youth between RWI and COR
    ▪ 174- RWI
      • 97 youth- Programming
      • 77 youth -Direct Placement
    ▪ 158- COR
• 106 youth- Programing
  • 52 youth- Direct Placement
  o Scattered start dates
    ▪ 6 programs and 18 Direct Placement Work sites
    ▪ A few programs/ work sites pulled out due to COVID
    ▪ Youth were able to work the full 6 weeks
    ▪ Direct Placement youth will continue to work until 9/30
  o Will not have the Employer Appreciation Breakfast due to COVID
    ▪ Will present a Thank you care package to employers/ programs in lieu of
  o Next year looking to join our DOT Collect system and CATS (application program)
• Everything was delayed- notice and funding from the State
  o Staff was able to pull it together
  o 0% infection rate was reported
• Thank you to Access-VR
  o Able to do a cross referral
  o Youth that self-identified as having a IEP were able to connect them with ACCESS VR
  o Work with Foster care population
• How did the numbers compare from previous years?
  o Last year, serviced over 800 youth
  o Hoping the State will take into consideration the numbers with the obstacles
    ▪ Schools were closed, digital divide, lack of a caring adult to assist with the process
  o Hired 3 monitors this year to track programs
• Will have a better opportunity to apply for funding as a unified group and be in a better position with COR
• Encourage the private sector to step up to help fill the gap
  o To hire our youth

WIOA Updates
• Starting new Program year
• 6 agencies
  1. Monroe 2- Orleans BOCES
  2. Refugees Helping Refugees- new agency
  3. Starbridge
  4. The Center for Youth Services
  5. The Community Place of Greater Rochester
• Will be beginning monitoring process
  o State updated forms
• Implementing quarterly report cards to help programs and Navigators stay updated on attainment of Performance Indicators, Voucher submissions, etc.
• Will be holding OSOS Refresher Training for Navigators
• Enrollment numbers took a dip, but have tasked Agencies to come up with plan of action on how to get enrollment up and be at full enrollment by December 31, 2020
• Has the State considered giving a buffer in response of COVID
For the past 6 months will take into consideration with achieving Performance Measures

- Adult and dislocated worker arena
  - Referrals have taken a dip as well
- Administrator Meeting
  - Rich and Hanif to speak to resources at the County and their participation

Next Meeting - Thursday, December 10, 2020