

## Welcome/ Member Sharing

- **ACCESS-VR**
  - Lindsay Murphy, ACCESS-VR- Program Coordinator- assist people with disability find employment
  - New contract for Youth to assist with internships and career opportunities
- **PathStone**
  - Mentoring for Youth Grant (youth 14-17 years of age)
    - Winding down and working on transiting those youth
    - Continuation of funding will not be announced until September
    - Looking inside of agency to offsite continuing costs
  - Recently received funding for Young Adults Re-Entry Program
  - Coalition- Campaign to increase employment for people with disabilities
    - Looking for additional participants to join the coalition
    - Looking for representatives from the County
- **Monroe County Department of Workforce Development**
  - Youth Peace Rally- Success Beyond Negativity- group for empowering youth
    - Saturday 6/22- 1130am-3pm- City Hall, 30 Church St.
    - Career, Training and Educational resources will be available
    - Everyone is requested to wear white in solidarity
  - Monroe County- Hiring Event 6/18- Census 2020- Armory from 12-4pm
  - Every 10 years look to hire people from their neighborhoods to work in
    - Can do PT/FT, make up your own hours
- **Monroe County Youth Bureau**
  - Monroe County Youth Awards- 68 youth receiving awards on Monday night for doing something in the community
  - Girls Sports Fest at Frontier Field on 7/20
    - Ages 6- 12 to play in sports showcase
  - Zoo Clues event upcoming in August
    - Seniors and youth 18 and younger participate in a scavenger hunt
    - Groups that work with youth in a positive atmosphere- free zoo passes
    - Dates and information available on Monroe County website
      - Contact Mike Barry if interested
      - Wilson Day- UofR- freshman looking for community projects to participate in for 5 hours+
- **Youth As Resources (YAR)- Hali Radecker, YAR Coordinator**
  - A community-based youth philanthropy and youth voice program, funded by the Rochester Monroe County Youth Bureau and the Rochester Area Community Foundation
    - Awards grants up to \$1,000 to youths between the ages of 14-21
      - Must design and implement civic engagement activities and services and/or service-learning projects addressing social concerns, resolve community issues and contribute to community improvement
        - Ex: Community Garden

- Youth Philanthropy Board is comprised of youth and adults and responsible for the reviewing and awarding of grants
- Invite Haley to a future Navigator meeting to discuss grant
  - haliradecker@monroecounty.gov
- **Updates**
  - Pointii submitted proposal after meeting
    - Declined this year
      - Already executed contracts for programs we are currently working with
    - Program came across as something to be handled by an educator instead of an employer
      - To connect with UPrep offline
    - Missing piece on how long it would take for a youth to complete the curriculum
    - Would be idea if youth completed program prior to coming to RW
  - Department of Human Services- working with homeless youth and foster care program
    - Redoing it because they are maxed out with foster care
    - Reaching out to community organizations and to the community for host homes
      - Youth will live there- currently looking for hosts
      - Will be DHS and State standards but not as strict
  - Congratulations to Dr. Patricia Stovall-Lane for recently completing her Doctorate Degree in Theology
- **SYEP Updates**
  - 2,546- application submitted
    - 1,197- completed
  - Target of 861 youth to place
    - 355- City of Rochester placements
    - 281- RW program placements
    - 225- RW Direct Placements
  - Shortage on 16- 20-year-old for direct placement
    - Moved some 15-year-old youth to Direct Placement to make the outcome number
  - Fully staffed with Program Monitors for the summer
  - Youth Committee to help with brainstorming for marketing
    - Goal is to up application numbers next year
    - Up the recruitment and to get youth to follow through with requirements
  - Barriers with lack of follow through- getting them to attend orientations, etc.
    - Lack of commitment and tracking of information, documentation, lack of focus and keeping engagement
    - Need caring adults to assist with the completion of the application process and document submission
    - Bev Gushue assisted youth with applying- walking youth through the process, allows for them to come back and complete the process successful the following year
    - Getting school administrators involved and engaged

- Ask from the parents but need to ask from community partners, educators, etc.
- Skills to be taught in school- labor laws, how to apply and interview for a job, filling out applications, etc. announcing the summer employment opportunity during school
  - Needing school engagements
  - Way to bring staff members into the schools to hold workshops to benefit youth and prep them for applying for the SYEP
    - After completing application- waiting period for document submission and parent orientation- suggested to do it all at once to guarantee completion
  - Churches, recreation centers- taking a community approach to advertise for SYEP
  - In September, will put together a meeting to work on the process
  - Most school districts block outside email address from coming in
    - Most youth only have school email addresses

## WIOA

- Youth Team and Navigators attended NYATEP academy- CFY presented with Youth attended to present as well
  - Feedback: Inspiring presentation
- Assemblymember Harry Bronson, Congressman Joe Morelle- connecting with behind the scenes on WIOA and the renewal of the grant in September 2020
  - Sharing feedback on how to make better and how he can help with legislation
- Conversations on Foster Care Youth and targeting that youth population- connected with DHS to have a RW Navigator at the Westfall Road location- get name to Mike Barry
  - If youth in foster care must be in school, our program is for OSY
    - Will be connecting with adult population
- May 20<sup>th</sup> Navigator Meeting
  - Opioid crisis, Narcan training provided by Public Health Commissioner, Dr. Michael Mendoza
    - Importance of being a resource to others by keeping the Narcan kit on hand
  - ABVI Goodwill Finger Lakes, Gidget Hopf
    - Working on bringing the Excel Center to Rochester- alternative education to get high school diploma
    - Intergenerational learning culture
    - Working very hard to get to Rochester- legislation is required
      - Was introduced by Assemblyman Harry Bronson
        - Navigators urged to write letters of support
    - Intensive program, have \$2 million dollars raised and have space in the Sibley building available
- 6/4- Villa of Hope training provided- 15 attended
  - Interactive training

- WIOA PY 18- \$600,000 received extra funding going into the new program year
  - Will put back into system
  - Currently have 15 Navigators- come 7/1- looking to have 21 Navigators to serve 525 youth
    - Went back to the RFP process of 2017- to review proposals submitted
      - Suggested to extend the original number of navigators requested
      - Giving agencies an extra navigator except for BOCES based on program and financial performance
      - Catholic Family Center new agency added
        - 13 populations connected to
        - Received funding for Youth Build
        - Can create a good referral system
        - Have a partnership with OASIS
      - Bringing an additional Navigator in House
      - 6% increase due to the cost of living in funding per Navigators for the upcoming program year
      - Presented to Finance committee and will be going before the Board to present
        - Youth Committee members were not opposed to 2019 WIOA contract updates
  - YEP
    - Went from struggling to doubling the allocated spend down
      - Navigators have surpassed original allocation requirement
      - Looking to bump up YEP required hours to 1500 per navigator for youth

**Next Meeting- September 12, 2019 at 3:00PM, United Way RochesterWorks! Conference Room**