Attendees: Antwan Williams, Patricia Stovall-Lane, Viatta Carter, Jen Geiger, Lindsay Murphy, Rebecca Haberbusch, Shalym Náter, Cassilda Campbell, Rosemarie McKinney, Chuck Allen

Welcome/ Member Sharing

- 1st quarter Youth Committee Meeting

United Way

- Opened doors officially on Tuesday
- Most employees are working a flex schedule
- Regionalizing all offices into one
  - New Name: United Way of Greater Rochester and the Finger Lakes (United Way Roc Flx)
- Volunteering during the pandemic- opportunities listed on the website if you are interested

ACCES-VR

- August 2- opened doors to the public- encouraging appointments ahead of time
- 3 orientation videos available on-line and application can be completed online

DePaul

- Youth successfully completed their summer internship
  - Youth worked at a local bakery and mechanic shop
- Currently operating hybrid and in person by referrals from ACCES-VR
- Looking to partner with new agencies

RochesterWorks!

- Career Center
  - Press release- 100 College Ave will be opening to the public 9/19
    - By appointment only
    - Call or link on website to schedule an appointment
      - Important for clients to indicate any services they require
  - Currently not offering in person workshops- still holding virtually
  - Later, in the month looking to open resource room
    - Capacity of 5-6 individuals at a time- will require an appointment
- Check website for announcement and updates: https://www.rochesterworks.org

IBERO

- Clients looking for a vaccine/ testing sites in Spanish
  - Every Tuesday/ Wednesday at 777 Clifford Avenue
- Currently collaborating with the City of Rochester and RCSD on My Brother’s Keeper initiative
- Building a resource center
  - Centralize services at the Clifford Ave. location
Community space where community members can access resources and services
  ▪ Arts/Cultural Center

Latino Leaders Round Table meetings
  o Put together an agenda with 15 subgroups
  o Highlighting the needs of the Latin Community and providing solutions and or asks
  o To be released at the beginning of Hispanic Month on Ibero’s website

New Funding: RocSEEDS

- Received $540,000 in funding from the state
- Partnership with Monroe County DHS and the Chamber of Commerce
- Serves as an extension of SYEP to target Out of School Population
  o Young Adults between the ages of 18-24
  o Must live in one of the eight high violence zip codes (14605, 14606, 14608, 14611, 14613, 14615, 14619, 14621)
  o Must meet fall within the 2020-2021 Poverty Guidelines
- Goal is to employ 50 by through subsidized employment for 10 weeks and for employers to offer permanent employment after the 10 weeks
  ▪ Will attend a mandatory 2-day job readiness training program
  ▪ Wages will be $15/hour
  ▪ Rocseeds.org

SYEP Updates

- Pre-Pandemic in 2018-2,555 were submitted for SYEP
  o 445 RW youth employed
  o 297 City youth employed with a total of 742 youth employed
- 2019-2,545 applications submitted
  o 485 RW youth employed
  o 356 City youth employed with a total of 841 youth employed
    ▪ Funding increased RW could serve more youth
- 2020-1,996 applications submitted
  o 174 RW youth employed
  o 158 City youth employed with a total of 332 youth employed
  o Pandemic decreased enrollment
  o Funding was not available until July and many programs had to pull their program
    ▪ Did not have the capacity to accommodate youth and the COVID-19 Guidelines
- 2021-2,223 applications submitted
  o 254 RW youth employed
  o 350 City youth employed with a total of 604 youth employed
  o Numbers are slightly going up
  o RW received a little more than 1.5 million this year and will extend employment for Direct Placement (youth 16+) through the end of September
- Between 2020-2021 there were no cases of COVID
- Goal this year is to strengthen relationship with RCSD
  o Will take more than RW press releases
RCSD to have a hand in promoting SYEP and assisting with youth acquiring work permit
  ▪ RCSD are processing work permit applications
  ◦ One of the largest barriers with the SYEP application process is youth acquiring work permits
    ◦ Looking to set up a meeting in October with RCSD to discuss and put a plan in place eliminate the work permit barrier for youth
• Work permit paperwork packets to be put together prior to the application release, to get youth ahead with applying
  ◦ To be an orientation process in place
• RW representative to attend a PTA meeting to rollout SYEP
• Summer Closeout Appreciation
  ◦ Thursday, September 16, 2021 @ the Roger Robach Community Center from 3-5pm
  ◦ Different from previous years, will be an informal event with the opportunity to network
  ◦ To thank our SYEP partners/employers

WIOA Updates
• Currently in the 2nd year of the 3-year WIOA funding cycle
• Hosted roundtable for WIOA Administrators
  ◦ Meeting to share best practices, barriers and suggestions for areas of improvement
    ◦ Improving communication among the Administrators
      ◦ Learning what each agency does and they can be a resource to each other
  ◦ Improving the promotion of Navigator Program
    ◦ Currently each agency promotes their own program, would like to create a universal flyer to promote all the agencies
  ◦ Referral Process
    ◦ Identifying a contact person for RCSD, OASIS, REOC- RW to create something more streamline so all agencies can benefit
  ◦ Standardize the On-boarding process of new hires

Next Meeting- Thursday, December 9, 2021