

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
 - Put together an agenda with 15 subgroups
 - Highlighting the needs of the Latin Community and providing solutions and or asks
 - 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
 - Young Adults between the ages of 18-24
 - Must live in one of the eight high violence zip codes (14605, 14606, 14608, 14611, 14613, 14615, 14619, 14621)
 - 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
 - 445 RW youth employed
 - 297 City youth employed with a total of 742 youth employed
- 2019- 2,545 applications submitted
 - 485 RW youth employed
 - 356 City youth employed with a total of 841 youth employed
 - Funding increased RW could serve more youth
- 2020- 1,996 applications submitted
 - 174 RW youth employed
 - 158 City youth employed with a total of 332 youth employed
 - Pandemic decreased enrollment
 - 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
 - 254 RW youth employed
 - 350 City youth employed with a total of 604 youth employed
 - Numbers are slightly going up
 - 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
 - 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