

YOUTH OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

March 29, 2021

3:30 P.M.

Zoom Platform

PRESENT: K. Shanks-Booth, V. Zeppelin, S. Kittel, T. Watts

EXCUSED:

GUEST:

STAFF: N. Branosky, S. Alvord,

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Shanks-Booth called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m.

SYEP RFP REVIEW AND VOTE

The committee reviewed answers to questions that were submitted to the respective SYEP bidders. These questions focused on: addressing barriers, recruiting diverse youth, recruiting diverse worksites, developing culturally responsive and engaging workshops, and addressing questions regarding COVID-19 protocols.

After discussion, it was expressed that the Office of Employment and Training (OET) had a strong proposal. The Ithaca Youth Bureau (IYB) proposal lacked the robust recruitment and supportive services that the committee desired. The committee ultimately moved forward to vote on moving into contract negotiation with both bidders (OET and IYB), with the intent to negotiate the contracts (dependent upon funding allocations) that favor the OET bid over the IYB; Ms. Kittel made the motion, Ms. Shanks-Booth seconded, all in favor by voice vote.

Aspirational goals for programs to achieve jointly will be created to encourage cross-program collaboration. These targets will be set based on local data re: demographics of youth (% to be determined). The Committee also desires to have a “summer debrief” joint session with both programs in October 2021, inviting additional stakeholders to learn more as well.

ADDITIONAL MEMBERSHIP TO COMMITTEE

Ms. Branosky reminded committee members to bring 1 or 2 names of potential people to the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Shanks-Booth adjourned the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

The next full meeting is scheduled for April 15, 2021.

YOUTH OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

March 18, 2021

8:30 A.M.

Zoom Platform

PRESENT: K. Shanks-Booth, V. Zeppelin, S. Kittel, T. Watts

EXCUSED:

GUEST:

STAFF: N. Branosky, S. Alvord, D. Achilles

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Shanks-Booth called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 18, 2021

It was moved by Ms. Zeppelin and seconded by Ms. Kittel and unanimously adopted by voice vote of members present to approve the minutes of February 18, 2021.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 16, 2021

It was moved by Ms. Kittel and seconded by Ms. Zeppelin and unanimously adopted by voice vote of members present to approve the minutes of March 16, 2021.

SYEP RFP REVIEW AND VOTE

The committee reviewed questions that will be proposed to the respective SYEP bidders. These questions focus on: addressing barriers, recruiting diverse youth, recruiting diverse worksites, developing culturally responsive and engaging workshops, and addressing questions regarding COVID-19 protocols. Answers to these questions will be required in one week's time (Thursday, March 25th, COB); committee will review the responses independently, complete SYEP rating sheets, and meet on March 29th to vote on moving into contract negotiation.

The committee also highlighted a number of changes they would like to have in place for the 2022 SYEP RFP, including setting aspirational targets/benchmarks for increasing diverse representation among youth and worksite participants, based on thorough review of local demographics; inclusion of entrepreneurship opportunities and exposure.

ADDITIONAL MEMBERSHIP TO COMMITTEE

Ms. Branosky proposed that the Executive Committee is in favor of recruiting additional members to join the YOC. These can be comprised of community members; would specifically

be seeking to increase representation in: people of color, business owners, people with disability and/or within the field of working with youth or people with mental, cognitive or physical disability. Committee members are asked to bring 1 or 2 names of potential people to the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Shanks-Booth adjourned the meeting at 9:36 a.m.

The committee will briefly meet on March 29, 2021, to vote on SYEP bids.
The next full meeting is scheduled for April 15, 2021.