

**Masshire Central Region Workforce Board
Youth Council
October 10, 2019
2:30 pm
MassHire Central, 340 Main Street, Suite 400, Worcester, MA**

Members Present: Robin Hooper, Isidore Nosike, Desiree Sanchez, Judy Freedman, Kristen Mayotte, Robert McGlory, Roy Lucas (proxy for Janice Weekes)

Staff Present: Ed Gagne

Guest: Mikayla Tucker, Karen Myhaver

Meeting Minutes

Welcome & Introductions: The meeting was called to order at 2:35 p.m.

Note of Potential Conflicts of Interest: None were noted

Approval of the April 11, 2019 Minutes: meeting minutes were unanimously approved upon a motion and second by members.

Presentation: Karen Myhaver, Manufacturing Your Career Coordinator, Mass MEP

Karen discussed manufacturing opportunities in Central MA, MACWIC Applied Manufacturing Tech Pathway, standard of competencies, credential testing at technical schools, WPI National Science Foundation grant, benefits of manufacturing jobs, starting wages, new technology utilized e.g. robotics, 3-D, computer driven. Facts highlighted: US manufacturers produce 18.2% of world goods, every dollar spent in manufacturing adds \$1.89 in business growth, 12.75 million US manufacturing jobs with an average salary of \$84,822, 89% of manufactures are leaving jobs unfilled, skills gap leave 2.4 million vacancies between 2018-2028.

Presentation: Roy Lucas, Youth Specialist, MassHire Career Center
Mikayla Tucker, Executive Administrative Assistant, MassHire Career Center

Roy and Mikayla discussed the Pathways to Empowerment program through the Galvin Foundation. Workshops occur at MassHire and include Career Interests, Understanding the Labor Market, Job Training Exploration, Cover Letter and Resume Development, Online Job Application, Interview Techniques, and Job Placement Assistance. Interested applicants can contact the Galvin Foundation.

Program Updates – E. Gagne

- a. WIOA: Performance for the period ending June 30, 2019. Central MA programs obtained the highest entered employments, post-secondary education enrollments, state credentials, educational achievements, and total credential attainments.

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- b. YouthWorks (YW) and Connecting Activities: Summer YW was successful. Summer YW partners and the City Youth Opportunities Office are discussing ways to expand the successful Worcester Leadership Development Symposium for summer and year-round programs. WPS Innovation Pathway Manufacturing Program (IPMP) will have paid work experience in the spring semester. We are aligning Connecting Activities with school staff to streamline discussions and collaborative efforts with all staff e.g. YW, WPS and IPMP.

Training Fairs have occurred in prior years with low attendance. Each year a new approach occurred regarding time and location. Continual efforts occur to help educate stakeholders e.g. high school principals, guidance staff, teachers, parents, and students about career options or pathways that do not require post-secondary education.

Next Meeting:

- a. **November 12, 2019 , 340 Main Street, Suite 400, Coghlin Room, Worcester, MA**
2. **Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned upon a motion, seconded, and approved unanimously at 3:35 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by,
Ed Gagne*