

Brockton Area Workforce
BAWIB
Investment Board

Youth Council (YC) Meeting

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 14, 2015

BAWIB Business Center (2nd Floor), 34 School Street, Brockton, MA 02301

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1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by BAWIB staff member YC Liaison Krystal Love at 3:05 p.m.
QUORUM PRESENT
 2. **ROLL CALL**
Present: Laurie Silva, Heather Arrighi, Lisa Hogan Maguire, Sharice Miles, Joseph Abber, Andrew Thurston, and Mark Showan
Not Present: **Barbora Hazuková**– *YC Chair**, **Ed Walsh***, Barbara Walters, **Peter Johnston***, Mark Flaherty, Laurel Balo, **Marc Lane***, Hamid Lahrizi, **Terry Schneider***, and Cynthia McDonagh,
Guest: Maria Fernandes (for Peter Johnston), Kelly Conlin, Youth Villages-Transitional Living Program
Staff: Bob Diehl, Samuel Holt, David Vincent, and Rachel Cherry-Adams
***Bold** = excused absence
 3. **INTRODUCTIONS**
➤ Introductions around the table.
 4. **MINUTES:**
 - Approval of the November 12, 2014 BAWIB Youth Council meeting minutes.
 - A motion was made (Mark Showan) and seconded (Laurie Silva) to approve the Minutes from the November 12, 2014.
 - **The Meeting Minutes of November 12, 2014 were approved.**
 5. **WIA VENDOR PROGRAMS** (*Best Practices, Success Stories, Challenges, etc.*)
WIA – Existing Programs
 - ***Brockton Public Schools (BPS) – Pathways (ISY)– Ms. Heather Arrighi reported***
 - Still struggling with enrollments. Working closely with Old Colony YMCA right now. Now we are back in recruitment mode.
 - Will institute After School Program.
 - Eight (8) graduated out of 32.
 - Few received certificates
 - Working with the Edison Academy at Brockton High School’s Principal (Dr. James Cobbs); he is overseeing Pathways now, working with seniors year round.
 - ***Training Resources of America (TRA) – Achieve program (OSY)– Mr. David Vincent reported***
 - 12 OSY enrolled
 - Two (2) youth received HISET; six (6) or 7 need 1 or 2 subjects to pass (that is a good sign),.
 - In process of placing youth in internships.
 - ***Digital Literacy -BAWIB***
 - Bullet points from Keith Hartnett
 - Seven (7) in class
 - The Linux portion of the class where students will be taking an online course through edX as well as completing numerous hands-on labs will be starting soon.
 - Still accepting computers, laptops, i.e., any electronic devices for the building of the computer lab—What is the quality of the donations? Mr. Andrew Thurston will try to see if Southeastern Tech can get involved (youth).
 - BAWIB was awarded free passes for both the 8 students and the 2 program managers to the Linux Conference event in Boston (March 2015).

- Comment from Laurie Silva – CORI fingerprinting/there is a fee; will start April or May 2015. The cost is \$35.00 each individual.
- **Year Round Work Program 2014-2015 Update –David Vincent**
 - 32 enrolled, 17-21 year olds, Program started in November 2014
 - 20 hours of training /10 hours of training up front—every other Thursday additional training.
 - Youth placed at various organizations throughout the City Brockton.
 - Youth paid \$9.00/hour / 100 work hours.
 - Eight (8) youth were retained by their employers; Marshall’s was one of the employers and Brockton Precision was another.
 - The program’s training finished last week – will follow up with a youth celebration event.
 - Application process starts in October 2015
- **Engaged Program (United Way) – David Vincent**
 - On-line HISET preparation, 21 youth enrolled.
 - One (1) youth received her HISET.
 - Reaching out to Stonehill College for tutor interns for our youth (help them with their academics); looking forward to this partnership.
- **Jobs First (CAP IT) – Sam Holt**
Flyer distributed
 - High school seniors, Looking to serve 40, Still working on enrollments.
 - Jobs in the Brockton Area
 - College and career readiness
 - The program consists of help with scholarship, resume, job readiness training as well.
 - 21 youth enrolled.
 - One (1) youth received her HISET.
 - Comment from YC member – “It seems that we all are going for the same kids”.
- **Connecting Activities (CA) Update – Krystal Love**
 - College and Career activities
 - BAWIB is looking for Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math (STEM) professionals to participate in our 5th Annual STEM Career Exploration Event held on March 11, 2015 from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. @ Bridgewater State University. If you know of anyone (can educator or employer) that might be interested in assisting us with exposing youth to a variety of STEM Careers in a fast pace, interactive, “speed networking” style setting, please contact Krystal Love.
 - Career Day, April 7, 2015 – looking for professionals to be vendors; as well as referrals.
 - Updates by Youth vendors
 - Mr. Andrew Thurston (Southeastern Technical High School) is working with David Vincent to get youth to go over to Marshall; there may be some CORI issues. One student involved with silk-screening and embroidery---Co-op job. Mr. Thurston will be meeting the Alumni Association to showcase successful alumni.
 - Credit for Life Fair – Vicky Palantzas is the BAWIB-YouthWorks contact.
 - Lisa Maguire (Whitman-Hanson) –
 - ✓ 65 – youth in day school, 20 – youth in night school (BAWIB staff teaches in these classes)
 - ✓ Working on office hours for youth to come into YouthWorks.
 - ✓ 76 – Participants after school program (21st century programming).
 - BPS-Champion High School
 - ✓ Doing the same as Whitman-Hanson; have someone come in and teach work readiness, etc.
 - ✓ Having on the spot event in March 2015 at Massasoit Community College.
 - ✓ Silk-screening program.
- **AMP IT UP – Krystal Love**
 - 2nd round of funding.
 - 11 to 14 year olds.
 - Collaboration with several local manufacturing companies.
 - Three components of the program:
 - ✓ Career readiness
 - ✓ Industry tours
 - ✓ Job shadows
 - Are we targeting the Raymond School?

➤ **Entrepreneurship** – *Krystal Love*

- Business Plan Competition – Plans are due to BAWIB office April 1, 2015 by 3:00 p.m.

6. **ROUNDTABLE**

➤ **DISCUSSION OF ANNOUNCEMENTS/PROGRAMS/EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES TO COLLABORATE**

- Mark Showan – YouthBuild has a new group, a mentoring program.
 - Looking for fifteen, 17 to 25 year olds to work with our current YouthBuild.
 - 300 hours over the year
 - Looking for interest.
 - 11 to 14 year olds.
 - \$1,100 education award at the end for the mentor.
- Sharice Miles, Massasoit Community College – Gateway will begin soon (accelerated model). Start dates February 24th and April 6th.
- Andrew Thurston, Southeastern Technical High – Night School/Culinary Arts and Cosmetology.
- Krystal Love distributed Teacher Externship Program information for sharing. Krystal gave a brief synopsis of the program.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 3:52 p.m.

NEXT MEETING – Wednesday, March 11, 2015 @ 3:00 pm