

Brockton Area Workforce
BAWIB
Investment Board

Youth Council (YC) Meeting

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 11, 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 Youth Council Chair Barbora Hazuková at 3:05 p.m.
QUORUM PRESENT
 2. **ROLL CALL**
Present: Barbora Hazuková – YC Chair, Laurie Silva, Heather Arrighi, Sharice Miles, Joseph Abber, Andrew Thurston, Jackie Hylton and Barbara Walters
Not Present: **Mark Showan***, **Lisa Maguire***, **Ed Walsh***, Peter Johnston, Mark Flaherty, Laurel Balo, **Marc Lane***, Hamid Lahrizi, Terry Schneider, and Cynthia McDonagh,
Guest: Maria Fernandes, Massasoit Community College (for Peter Johnston), and Charles Potter, Music Clubhouse Director --Boys & Girls Club of Brockton, Music and Youth, Brockton Studio Clubhouse—Community Presenter
Staff: Bob Diehl, Krystal Love, Samuel Holt, Vicky Palantzas, and Rachel Cherry-Adams
***Bold** = excused absence
 3. **INTRODUCTIONS**
➤ Introductions around the table.
 4. **MINUTES:**
 - Approval of the January 14, 2015 BAWIB Youth Council meeting minutes.
 - A motion was made (Laurie Silva) and seconded (Joe Abber) to approve the Minutes from the January 14, 2015.
 - **The Meeting Minutes of January 14, 2015 were approved.**
 5. **WIA PROGRAM PERFORMANCE** – *Bob Diehl*
➤ Distribution – Tab 11 – WIA Title I Performance Measures, FY15 Quarter Ending December 31, 2014 (from State). Mr. Diehl gave highlights of the outcomes. There are 3 distinct focus areas that we are graded. Mr. added that BAWIB reach all of our goal sets last year. Mr. Diehl added that going forward WIOA goes into effect, new enrollment measures (effective July 1, 2015).
 - Chart 7 – Youth Placement in Employment or Education Rate in First Quarter After Exit
 - Local Goal 81%; Local percent Goal 74%; Brockton WIB area is presently at 60%.
 - Note: Placement in Employment or Education Rate is based on the number of youth that have met the measure in the first quarter following program exit.
 - Chart 8 – Youth Degree or Certificate Attainment Rate (Exiters)
 - Local Goal 75%; Local percent Goal 80%; Brockton WIB area is presently at 60%.
 - Note(s): WIA Title I Performance is calculated for all WIA Title I Youth (aged 14-21) who exited during the cohort period. Exiters who left the program for medical or institutionalized reasons are excluded from calculation. Exiters who did not receive education services during participation are excluded from the calculation.
 - There are 6 cohorts at this time
 - Chart 9 – Youth Literacy/Numeracy Gain
 - Local Goal 50%; Local percent Goal 40%; Brockton WIB area is presently at 20%.
 - Note: The Youth Literacy/Numeracy measure is calculated for Out of School, Basic Skills Deficient WIA Title I Youth who have been in the program for a minimum of one year or who have exited before one year, whether pre-tested and/or post-tested.

6. WIA VENDOR PROGRAMS (*Best Practices, Success Stories, Challenges, etc.*)

➤ *WIA Vendor Programs*

- ***Brockton Public Schools (BPS) – Pathways (ISY)– Ms. Heather Arrighi reported***
 - Ms. Arrighi gave a brief 2-year rundown of the BPS Pathways program.
 - First year (FY14) of program-- 32 enrolled out the 36 cohorts (89%); 13 positively exited, and 2 unsuccessful exits, others have rolled over to FY15.
 - Seventeen (60%) 1st cohort – 5 will graduate, 1 employed, 2 paystubs, 2 helping find employment
 - BPS summer numbers were lowered to 25 with the same requirements of full enrollment within two months of the execution of the contract. The 2nd year (FY15) of program BPS Pathways is just recruited seniors –12 enrolled, 3 have graduated, 1 successfully exited.
 - BPS Pathways asked BAWIB for an extension in November 2014.
 - BPS Pathways received a low enrollment letter in February 2015 from BAWIB (there were only 12 certified enrollments of the required 25).
 - BPS Pathways submitted a Corrective Action Plan in February 2015 to BAWIB – The plan was not accepted by BAWIB.
 - The BPS Pathways program has been working with Vicky Palantzas at YouthWorks.
 - The bottom line is that the youth will ultimately be served.
- ***Training Resources of America (TRA) – Achieve program (OSY)– Ms. Barbora Hazuková***
 - Eight (8) HiSET
 - Twelve (12) of the 15 youth will have credentials by end of March 2015.
 - Math & Reading gains by students—functional education increases.
 - Paid internships – 5
 - Three (3) students have permanent jobs.
 - TRA’s program is fully enrolled.
- ***Digital Literacy –BAWIB – report by Samuel Holt***
 - The program is being ran by Keith Hartnett at YouthWorks
 - Four (4) WIA in-school youth enrolled. 3 additional in pipeline.
 - Youth will be taking the Linux certification.
 - The program is still searching for employers for internships and donations of equipment.
- ***Jobs First - BAWIB (formerly CAP IT) – Sam Holt***
 - High school seniors
 - Three (3) enrolled – Mr. Holt has been meeting with students (one-on-one) after school on various projects.
 - Total 20 students interested; 17 have formal documents on file.

➤ *Connecting Activities (CA) Schools*

- Brockton Public Schools – *report by Heather Arrighi/Jackie Hylton*
 - Nine (9) youth CPR certified.
 - Students attended the STEM Career Exploration Event at BSU 3-11-2015.
 - Several skill courses for students coming up – online (e.g., at Massasoit Community College).
 - The Silk-Screen program has grown – A button machine was recently purchased
- North River Collaborative – *No report.*
 - 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).
- Southeastern Regional – *report by Andrew Thurston*
 - Took 30 students to the STEM Career Exploration at BSU 3-11-2015.
 - Youth working on senior projects across the board.
 - Southeastern’s Advisory dinner coming up.
 - Youth participated in the Skill USA.
 - Student projects –Mr. Thurston is working with youth through the social media outlets.
- Whitman-Hanson High School – *report by Krystal Love for Whitman-Hanson*
 - Adult night school
 - ✓ CPR certification
 - ✓ Tour Massasoit Community College
 - ✓ Hanscom AFB – April 2015 tour

- ✓ Law enforcement and Military - tests

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➤ **BAWIB UPDATES**

- **Year Round Work Program**–*Vicky Palantzas*
 - Twenty-two (22) youth completed hours; the remaining youth are working toward their paid internships.
- **Engaged Program** (United Way) – *Vicky Palantzas*
 - One additional student received their HISET.
- **Entrepreneurship** – *Krystal Love*
 - Business Plan Competition – Plans are due to BAWIB office April 1, 2015 by 3:00 p.m. Ms. Love indicated that she will be speaking the BAWIB team to possibly extend the due date because of weather interruptions earlier this year.

7. **COMMUNITY PRESENTATION**

- Charles Potter, **Boys & Girls Club of Brockton**, *Music and Youth, Brockton Studio Clubhouse*
 - Video shown – soundcloud.com
 - Mr. Potter gave his background, educational and music.
 - Mr. Potter described the Brockton Studio Clubhouse program in detail.
 - Open Studio – play and explore
 - Lessons – workshop/regular instructions
 - Perform – Live
 - Mentoring – positive influences.
 - Promotional information can be found at musicandyouth.org
 - Upcoming Event: March 24, 2015 @ 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., featuring a project release party--Open Mic night, live band as well, at the Boys & Girls Club of Brockton.

8. **ROUNDTABLE**

- **DISCUSSION OF ANNOUNCEMENTS/PROGRAMS/EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES TO COLLABORATE**
 - Barbora Hazuková, Training Resources of America (TRA) – Open house at TRA, Monday, March 23, 2015, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
 - Maria Fernandes, Massasoit Community College – Annual Job Fair, April 1, 2015.
 - Credit for Life event coming up at Brockton High School in April/May 2015.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

NEXT MEETING – Wednesday, May 13, 2015 @ 3:00 pm