



GLOW EMERGING WORKER COMMITTEE MEETING
5/9/23, 3 – 4 pm
APPROVED Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT: Darren Burdick, NYS Department of Labor; Mary Guldenschuh, Livingston County Office of Workforce Development; Nicholette Thomas, ACCES-VR; Rae Frank, Independent Living of the Genesee Region; Luke Kantor, Iroquois Job Corps; Kelly Kiebala, Orleans County Job Development Agency; Teresa Van Son, Genesee County Job Development Bureau

GUESTS: Norb Fuest, GLOW WDB Chairman/Appletree HR Consultants; Jane Sullivan, NYS Commission for the Blind

WDB Staff: Jay Lazarony, Director and Michele Nichols, Staff Assistant

Rae called the meeting to order and there was a quorum at the meeting.

Approval of 2/14/23 Minutes

The 2/14/23 minutes were sent to members prior to the meeting. Mary Guldenschuh made the motion to approve the 2/14/23 GLOW Emerging Worker Meeting minutes; Teresa Van Son seconded the motion; there were no changes; all members present at the meeting were in favor, and the motion was carried. The 2/14/23 GLOW Emerging Worker Committee meeting minutes are approved.

GLOW Performance - Jay Lazarony, GLOW WDB Director

Jay reported that as of end of 3rd Quarter, 3/31/23, all contractors are meeting performance with youth enrollments as well as adult enrollments. Orleans and Genesee have exceeded contract enrollments and the Wyoming and Livingston counties are close but GLOW is now out of OS Youth funds so it may hard for them to reach their contract numbers. The PY2023 Allocation has cut youth funds by \$10,000, which starts 7/1/23. Livingston and Genesee have ARPA Funds, Wyoming has alternate funds, and hopefully Orleans get can get additional ARPA funds. Jay noted that Youth ages 18 and over can usually qualify for Adult funds as well. GLOW is receiving \$156,000 additional DLW in the PY2023 allocation, which can be transferred to Adult Funds. GLOW also received an additional \$15,000 in ER-NDWG Funds to be used by 9/30/23. Jay noted he is proud of the Contractors for their creative ways to fund and train customers! Wyoming County Hospital gave WCCA funds to train in healthcare. Providers will determine how to serve the youth as there are also other resources and partners they care refer youth to such as ACCES and Job Corps for services such as work experience and training. Jay noted that the ARPA funds can only be used for training as it was not presented that work experience is considered training. Jay noted he will give credit for a work experience if alternate funds have to be used. There was discussion on self-attestation as it now can be used for DOB for eligibility, which could be a risk for youth eligibility and disallowed costs. This was

determined by USDOL as they don't want services to be held up for a youth due to documentation, but staff are to assist in obtaining documentation. Luke noted that Iroquois Job Corps gets "charged" without proper documentation.

Jay noted that NYS Division of Budget has not released Summer Youth Employment Program funds yet as the program started 5/1. There will be an increase in the funds due to the increased minimum wage.

GLOW with Your Hands Healthcare – Jay Lazarony, GLOW WDB Director

Jay reported that 575 youth and 50 vendors attended the 3/24/23 Inaugural Healthcare event! There was an article in the NYATEP Buzz News. 32 GCC Staff assisted with the event and GCC will be doing again next year at no charge. The GWYH Manufacturing is 9/22/23 with 1,000-1,200 youth. Jay noted that GWYH is now paying two coordinators to coordinate the events on a trial 6 month basis.

GWYH Bottle and Can Drive in Genesee County is on Wednesday, 5/17/23 with AQS Redemption in Elba. There will be drop off containers at 3 locations: GC Career Center, County Building 1, and DSS. AQS will pick up even in Albion. GWYH will get 6 cents per deposit can/bottle and will go towards both events. Visit the website at www.glowwithyourhands.com

Jay will be out on medical leave for awhile as he is having surgery on 5/16/23.

MEMBERS UPDATES

Mary Guldenschuh, Livingston County OWD/Youth Bureau

They have received 54 applications for Summer Youth Employment Program and have started interviewing 5/1/23. They will also be in person at 10 schools. The number of applications are still lower than pre-pandemic. They currently are serving 6 high school dropouts but noted that the GED Exam is not offered in Mt. Morris, which causes a hardship so staff assists with transportation to take them to Batavia and/or Alfred. One youth did earn their GED. Livingston County Nursing Home and Rehabilitation Center is now doing internal paid CNA training so they anticipate less WIOA CNA training in the future but they will approach nursing home to try and quality youth for WIOA supportive services or other elements. Jay noted that if they co-enroll with WIOA, it will count as a youth enrollment.

Jane Sullivan, NYS Commission for the Blind – She is sitting in for Dana Webb who was unable to attend. Dana is out-stationed at career centers. She noted that being involved with the GLOW WIOA RFP Team was an intriguing and informational process and she and Dana learned a lot about the programs and their goal is to get their students connected to a summer program.

Kelly Kiebal, Orleans County Job Development Agency – Peter has several youth in ITAs in skilled trades, medical billing and cyber security training. They have collected applications for SYEP and are moving ahead with the program. Taryn Moyle did presentation to staff on child care resources/opportunities. They are hiring for a counselor position.

Nicholette Thomas, ACCES-VR - They have a new case management system and there are more steps so it is a slow process and everything needs a signature and Referrals are processed different. Please be patient with VR Counselors!

Darren Burdick, NYSDOL – No report but he has an emerging worker at home that will be starting to work this summer!

Luke Kantor, Iroquois Job Corps. – He noted Job Corps receives notices on presentations and training from National DOL that as a WIOA Partner they need to partner and connect with WDBs. It was noted that GLOW WDB has a MOA in place with Iroquois Job Corps so there is partnering going on but Luke may need additional information. They are planning a summer graduation, and they had an Open House last week with 40 people. Their next Community Relations Council is June 1 with an outside BBQ!

Teresa Van Son, GC Job Development - They have not started SYEP yet as they haven't received the funds yet but she reached out to Iwana of SYEP who said it was held up at the Division of Budgets. They have SYEP planned and scheduled but she isn't as brave to start without the funds. They have a Job Fair on 6/6/23 with 6 business slots left. They have over 60 new youth signed up for SYEP.

Rae Frank, Independent Living of the Genesee Region – Rae shared that Independent Living has a new program, Children and Youth with Special Healthcare Needs, and will send the contact information for their New Program Specialist to Nicholette and Jane to connect with services. They continue to provide disability simulation experiences in the community such as the Lunch in the Dark at NYS School for the Blind and another one with NY Connects Team (long term care taskforce) at the Office for the Aging on 6/14/23 to give people an opportunity to understand what it's like for someone with a disability.

Jay noted that on 6/12/23 there will be a GLOW One Stop Regional Partners Meeting involving 9 counties at GCC, which will include a few presentations and a tour of the STAMP facility where Edwards and Plug Power will be at, and receive a free ticket to the Muckdogs Game that night. If you would like to attend, send Michele mnichols@co.genesee.ny.us or Jay an email at jlazarony@co.genesee.ny.us

Luke Kantor made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:03 pm and Kelly Kiebala seconded the motion; all present at the meeting were in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 4:03 pm.

The Next GLOW Emerging Worker Committee Meeting is: Tuesday, 9/12/23, 3 – 4 pm