

MINUTES of the CNY Works, Inc., Board of Directors’ meeting held on Thursday, April 23, 2009, at 8:30 A.M., 443 North Franklin Street, Lower Level, Syracuse, NY 13204.

PRESENT	ABSENT	STAFF	GUESTS
Atkins, Michael	Brynien, Kenneth	Agostini, Robert	:
Colella, Anthony	Caliva, Frank	Ehrenreich, Hanah	Dave Moynihan (Testone
Di Blasi, James	Coria, JoAnn	Elliott, Denise	Marshall & Discenza)
Fellows, James	Dowdell, Jesse	Linney, Vicki	:Donahue, Dennis (NYS
Harper, William	Falcone, Neil	Martinez, Manny	Department of Labor)
Hill, Carol	Lott, Rev. Bill	Pitt, Heather	Evans, Roger (NYS
Leslie, Robert	Mayne, Janice	Sandle, Gail	Department of Labor)
Meinking, Rebecca	Pulver, Mark	Schnobrich, Andrea	Sorbello, Joseph (NYS
Kotz, Kathy	Rapp, Kathy	Sealy, Lenore	Department of Labor)
Napier, Donald	Ryan, Bill	Wilson, Lori	Knowles, Richard J. (United
Reed, Marvin	Steele, Linda		Steelworkers)
Stack, Barbara	Sydow, Debbie		
Walter, Elaine	Towsley, Bill		
Wolgemuth, Diana	Watson, Duane		
	Wilson, Ellen		

I. Call to Order and Introductions

Chairperson, James DiBlasi called the Board of Directors Meeting to order at 8:40 A.M. Mr. DiBlasi welcomed and introduced guests, including Dave Moynihan, Partner, Testone Marshall & Discenza ; Roger Evans, Senior Economist, NYS Department of Labor; and Richard J. Knowles, United Steelworkers.

II. Approval of Minutes – February 12, 2009

Business Item postponed to next Board Meeting

- ◆ Approval of Minutes for the Board of Directors Meeting held on February 12, 2009

III. Presentation

Audit Report – Year ended June 30, 2008
David Moynihan
Partner
Testone Marshall & Discenza

Board members received a copy of the *Audited Financial Statements, CNY Works, Inc., June 30, 2008 and 2007, Auditor’s Opinion, and Management Letter*. These documents will be maintained with the official record of this meeting. Lenore Sealy introduced Dave Moynihan, Partner with Testone, Marshall & Discenza. Mr. Moynihan used the documents referenced above and presented the Audit Report for Program Year 2008 (Year Ended June 30, 2008).

Dave Moynihan explained that Testone et al conducted its independent audit of CNY Works for Program Year 2007 on behalf of the Board of Directors. In this capacity, Mr. Moynihan is responsible for ensuring that each Board Member is advised of the over-all financial position of the Corporation each year. Specifically, the independent audit serves to:

- ◆ Provide the Corporation's complete financial picture on an annual basis and
- ◆ Monitor the expenditure of federal funding allocations in the local area (Onondaga County).

Dave Moynihan explained that the Audit Report identified a few findings that are classified as control deficiencies; however, none of the findings are considered to be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses.

Mr. Moynihan added that CNY Works management has made many improvements in internal control that had been identified in the past.

Following his presentation, Mr. Moynihan opened the meeting for discussion and questions.

Lenore Sealy explained that she solicited assistance from the auditors about implementing internal control within the Information Technology function of the organization. Dave Moynihan responded that the audit raised questions that are common to small organizations that rely heavily on the IT function, and small number of highly specialized IT staff.

Marvin Reed commented on the recurrent nature of the payroll issues. Lenore Sealy responded that CNY Works expects to purchase an automated payroll system in an attempt correct these ongoing issues.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Audit Committee – Lenore Sealy, Executive Director

The Audit Committee met on March 18, 2009 to review the Audit Report and the Corrective Action Plan to address the Audit Findings.

Business Items deferred to Executive Committee for Action:

- ◆ Approval of the CNY Works PY 07 Audit Report
- ◆ Approval of the Corrective Action Plan associated with CNY Works' PY 07 Audit.

B. Finance Committee – Don Napier, Treasurer, CNY Works

The Finance Committee met on March 9, 2009 and April 13, 2009. Board members received electronic copies of the following reports:

- ◆ Balance Sheet – 2/28/09
- ◆ Statement of Activities – 2/28/09
- ◆ Statement of Functional Expenses – 2/28/09

- ◆ Statement of Expenses – Current Period vs. Previous Year – 2/1 – 2/28/09
- ◆ Statement of Revenues and Expenses – Current Period, YTD – 2/1 – 2/28/09
- ◆ Estimated Projected Spending by Grant – 2/28/09

Board members received print and electronic copies of the following:

- ◆ PY07 & PY08 Spending vs. 80%Target, As of February 28, 2009
- ◆ PY08 Supplemental Spending vs. 85%Target, As of February 28,2009

These reports will be maintained with the official record of this meeting. Using the Financial Reports as background, Don Napier reported to the Board on behalf of the Committee.

C. Programs and Services Committee – Anthony Colella, Vice Chairperson/Committee Chair

The Programs and Services Committee met on April 1, 2009 and April 20, 2009. The Meeting Notes associated with each meeting are included as Attachments 1 and 2 to these Minutes. Mr. Colella reported on each item as described in the Meeting Notes.

Business Items deferred to Executive Committee for action:

- ◆ Proposed Employed Worker Training Contract - Syracuse Label and Surround Printing - \$11,197
- ◆ Policy to provide transportation assistance to job seekers, training customers
- ◆ Change in self-sufficiency rate from wages that exceed \$20 per hour to wages that exceed \$30 per hour

D. Youth Council, Andrea Schnobrich, Youth Services Manager

The Youth Council met on Friday, March 13, 2009. The Meeting Notes associated with this meeting are included as Attachments 3 to these Minutes. Andrea Schnobrich reported on each item as described in the Meeting Notes.

E. Executive Committee, Jim Di Blasi, Chairperson

The Executive Committee met on March 9, 2009 and April 13, 2009. The Meeting Notes associated with each meeting are included as Attachments 4 and 5 to these Minutes. Jim DiBlasi reported to the Board on behalf of the Executive Committee.

V. Executive Director's Report – Lenore Sealy

The Executive Director's Report is included as Attachment 6 to these Minutes. Ms. Sealy reported to the Board on each item described in the written report.

Business Item deferred to Executive Committee for action:

- ◆ Proposed Service Contract – OCM BOCES, funded by Health Career Pathways project (NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance) - \$53,307

VI. Next Board Meeting: Thursday, June 25, 2009
8:30 A.M.
Location: CNY Works
443 North Franklin Street, Lower Level
Syracuse, New York 13204

VII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lenore Sealy
Executive Director

ATTACHMENT 1

Programs and Services Committee Meeting Notes

Committee: Programs and Services
Chairman: Anthony Colella
Date: Wednesday, April 1, 2009
Board Present: Linda Steele, Jim Fellows, Duane Watson, Rebecca Meinking,
Barbara Stack, Janice Mayne (via conference call)
Others Present: Terry Albanese, Bill Harper, Carol Hill, Jim Sunser, Dave Wall,
Frank Caleva
Staff Present: Lenore Sealy, Joey Nigro, Vicki Linney, Manny Martinez,
Andrea Schnobrich

Introduction of Attendees

Workforce Allocations through American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Stimulus)

Lenore Sealy provided specific allocation figures for both PY 08 Formula Allocations and Stimulus Allocations for each funding category; Adult, Dislocated Worker and Youth.

General Information Re: Stimulus

Lenore Sealy provided a handout that NYATEP produced summarizing and highlighting the key provisions for implementing the use of Recovery Act funds to Youth, Adults and Dislocated Workers (refer to attachment.) Stimulus funding is intended to be primarily utilized for training – transparent and very timely – it is expected that One-Stop Centers will spend 70% of their allocation by 12/2009 and 100% by 6/2010.

Lenore Sealy stated that the stimulus funding CNY Works is taking some initial steps and laying out the frame work as related to the stimulus funding.

- Redesigning the orientation services in order to provide improved orientation services and to a larger number of people at one time (especially since our location is stressed in terms of capacity) and to include workshop offerings similar to those offered at Career Connections
- Collaborating with eligible training providers and local businesses in an effort to identify skills areas needed
- Collaborating with other One-Stop Centers, such as Oswego and County, Cayuga-Cortland for the purposes of identifying constructive and marketable training options
- Meetings with the Economic Growth Council and presentations at the Near West Side Initiative in an effort to expand and identify appropriate youth services and activities.

Stimulus Funding related to Adult and Dislocated Worker Services

Lenore Sealy stated that the emphasis is on skills training, including job readiness training, adult education, literacy training, and ESOL. It is also expected that services will be provided to target public assistance recipients and other low-income adults.

It is also expected that needs-related payments will be provided to adults who are unemployed and do not qualify or have exhausted to qualify for unemployment insurance benefits – for the purposes of participating in training.

Other Adult Services

Lenore suggested that our self-sufficiency rate for Adults, presently at \$20/hour, be increased, but will provide further information in order to identify a most appropriate rate.

Stimulus Funding related to Youth Services

Lenore Sealy framed out the criteria for youth, as outlined in the NYATEP summary - the expectation is that the bulk of the funds will be expended in the first year.

Major significant changes to Youth activities include:

- Strong emphasis on summer employment as major component of funding
- Age eligibility increased to a maximum of 24 years old (vs. 21 years old)
- Work readiness indicator will be only indicator to assess the effectiveness of summer employment.

Other Youth Services

Andrea Schnobrich handed out a copy of the Request for Proposal for year-round youth services – to be forwarded out to a large number of resources within the community, stating the need to move very quickly.

(Summer) Youth Employment Fair – dates have been determined and applications have been generated both on the website and throughout the community (schools, centers, churches, etc.)

Lenore Sealy stated that CNY Works is looking to partner with businesses and other resources for special projects – to include special needs.

Further discussion among committee members, staff and others present continued, regarding the question from Frank Caliva, “How can we help?” (regarding collaborating to efficiently and effectively utilize the stimulus funding). Suggestions included:

- A “blast” e-mail to appropriate resources – involve the community at large
- Support of elected officials
- Contacting churches
- Holding a press conference

Next Meeting: Monday, April 20, 2009 at 8:00 a.m. at the Chamber

ATTACHMENT 2

Programs and Services Committee Meeting Notes

Committee: Programs and Services
Chairman: Anthony Colella
Date: Monday, April 20, 2009
Board Present: Linda Steele, Jim Fellows,
Others Present: Terry Albanese, Bill Harper, Carol Hill, Jim Sunser,
Staff Present: Lenore Sealy, Joey Nigro, Vicki Linney, Manny Martinez,
Andrea Schnobrich

Program updates – as of April 1, 2009

Manny Martinez summarized the following reports (July 1, 2008 to April 1, 2009)

- Individual Training Accounts
- On-the-Job training
- Service Agreements
- Employed Worker Training

Youth Services and Request for Proposal (RFP)

Andrea Schnobrich stated that the first (Summer) Youth Employment Fair results in over 500 youth attending.

Andrea Schnobrich handed out a tentative planning calendar in regard to proceeding with the RFP process for Youth year-round services and explained that the reason for the aggressive dates is due to the guidelines being received at such a late notice.

Adult and Dislocated Worker Request for Proposal (RFP)

Lenore Sealy recently learned that CNY Works will be mandated to procure for new programs, including related ancillary services and provided a draft for review by this committee. It is important that the RFP planning calendar for this process is also aggressive.

Self-Sufficiency Rate

Lenore addressed the present \$20/hour self sufficiency rate and proposed that consideration be given to increase this rate to \$30/hour. Joey Nigro stated that she has researched mid-level managerial wages with MACNY, TDO, The Chamber and various local businesses and concluded that \$30/hour is a more realistic wage for mid-level managers in the CNY area. Raising the present \$20/hour self sufficiency rate to \$20/hour would likely open up more opportunities for employer's workers in regard to Employed Worker Training Opportunities. Training mid-level managers would offer the potential for upgrade to those workers in front-line related positions.

Since managers are generally exempt and do not receive a hourly wage, Anthony Colella proposed that a formula be established – with the intent to include more exempt workers as being eligible.

Adult and Dislocated Worker Gas Cards

Lenore advised the committee that due to economic conditions, New York State has made funds available to address WIA participant transportation costs. A total of \$6,250 has been made available to Onondaga County as of February 23, 2009, through June 30, 2009. The continuation of this State Level Initiative will be subject to the availability of funds and outcomes.

Policy, procedures, and guidelines have yet to be established for issuing gas cards or bus passes. It should be noted that this service requires staff to enter data in OSOS, as well as staff to manage this service.

Proposed Employed Worker Training Proposal

Employer:	Syracuse Label & Surround Printing
Description of Business/Service:	Manufactures printed labels and board stock, which are used in the identification of products for over 300 companies - pharmaceutical, cosmetic, retail, forestry, dairy, food and beverage, and automotive.
Training:	Digital Technology
Dates:	TBD
# Trainees:	9 – who meet CNY Works present self-sufficiency requirement.
Amount Requested:	\$11,197.00

After further discussion regarding CNY Works’ present self-sufficiency rate, it was agreed upon that this training cost amount would be presented to the full WIB, as well as the training cost that would include any workers exceeding the present self-sufficiency rate (pending approval to increase the self-sufficiency rate to \$30/hour.)

Neil Falcone asked if follow up with the company is completed once the training period is over – to determine if workers trained have retained employment with the company. Joey Nigro stated that Monitoring is conducted during the training period, but follow up is not done upon completion of the training period. Lenore Sealy explained that information is, however, funneled down from the federal level, to the state, and does provide information in regard to placement and retention.

It was suggested that an evaluation be implemented and would likely prove to be beneficial for future Employed Worker Training proposals.

Needs-Related Payment Policy

To be provided to adults who are enrolled in training and who are unemployed and do not qualify or have exhausted to qualify for unemployment insurance benefits.

Lenore Sealy stated that she will be attending a WIB Director’s meeting on Wednesday, April 21, 2009 and does expect to obtain more information in order to establish a policy and guidelines.

Final comments from Lenore Sealy – In an effort to utilize stimulus funding most effectively and efficiently, conversations with ABC, TDO, MACNY, Near West Side Initiative, and various training providers. In addition, she stated that one of the greatest challenges is in learning about the overall Stimulus opportunities (beyond workforce development), and how all principals can work together to best utilize this funding to everyone’s benefit.

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 21, 2009 at 8:00 AM @ Greater Syracuse Chamber of Commerce

ATTACHMENT 3

March 13, 2009
 Youth Council Meeting

Youth Council	CNY Works
Casimir Sewark	Andrea Schnobrich
Trequaill Brunson	Gabrielle Mattox
Jaime Laracuente	Amy Stage
Arnette Haygood	John Nye
Anthony Trupiano	
Joan Durant	
Sharon Cole	
John Dittman	
Chris Flynn	
Marcia Drumm	
Bruce Sedlak	

Bruce Sedlak called the meeting to order. He reviewed minutes from October 10, 2008 and January 9 2009 meetings.

There was one correction from the January 9, 2009 meeting – Chris Flynn was not in attendance.

John Dittman made motion to pass the minutes Sharron Cole seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

RFP Review:

Syracuse University Sharon Cole

Target Population:

CNY Works Summer Youth participants ages 16-21

Program Elements: Summer Employment, Mentoring, Leadership Development

Program Length:

Summer PY '09

Background Information:

This summer will be Syracuse University’s fourth year participating in the CNY Works, Inc. Summer Employment Program. “CNY Works at SU” Summer Youth Program has provided mentoring and development opportunities for 30-50 youth each year. This summer SU anticipates expanding the program to 60 youth. Last year SU hired a little over 50 youth and ended the summer with 45 youth still in the program. The program in prior years was possible through donations from the different SU departments. This year SU had a 10% budget cut so they are unable to donate material to the program.

Program Objective:

Hire 60 youth for the summer employment program. Youth will work 30 hrs per week over 7 weeks. While on site youth learn beneficial skills such as work ethic, communication and basic computer skills. SU staff provide youth with training in the areas of professionalism, technical skill development, networking, life skills, career exploration and continuing on to higher education.

Workshops are provided to youth on interviewing, resume writing, public speaking, financial management, career development and appropriate dress/attire. The youth's skills are assessed and they are given the opportunity to discuss future goals with professionals in various careers.

Staff who are involved in the program act as mentors to the youth keeping in contact with them through the school year providing connections for positive relationships. Speakers and presenters meet with the youth and provide information on diversity, culture differences and other topics related to the employment of youth.

The meeting was opened for questions about "CNY Works at SU" Summer Youth Program."

The board would like to see costs dropped to either \$10,000 dollars or less

The board suggests the following things to be cut from the budget:

- Polo shirt or back pack
- CNY Works, Inc. can provide the lanyards and IDs to youth
- College Tour can us the shuttle bus if on campus
- Industry Tour is valuable to the program instead of visiting another college incorporate visiting a Job Corps campus for free
- Photographer can be dropped and use a staff member to take pictures
- Cut the book out of the program and make copies of excerpts from book to be used.

Summer Employment

This summer we are expecting more funding due to the economic stimulus plan. The stimulus plan is under WIA funding. We have to spend 70% of stimulus funding by December. The funding is available for year round programs as well. This summer will be a busy summer for CNY Works Youth Team. We have lengthened the amount of hours youth will be allowed to work from 25 hours to 30 hours. We also increased the number of weeks they will be working from 6 weeks to 7 weeks from July 6, 2009 – August 21, 2009. The stimulus plan also will allow a broader age range by serving youth ages 14-24.

A few changes have been made to the Summer Employment Fair Days. Youth will only be attending 1 workshop instead of 3 like they did last year. This is to shorten the time youth spend waiting in lines and also for crowd control purposes. After the youth attend the workshop they will then move on to an interview. The interviewing room will have up to 30 different employers in different career fields for the youth to choose to interview with. The employers will use a form provided to them by us to assess the youth on job readiness and placement. The youth dept will use those forms to assist in the selection process. Before the youth leaves the Oncenter the will be provided with the next steps of what to expect in the process. A youth will obtain a post card or letter explaining if they obtained employment or not.

The meeting was opened for questions about Summer Employment.

Common Measures Review:

The second quarter's report on performance from the NYS DOL is in and the youth measures have all been passed.

Bruce Sedlak called to adjourn meeting. John Dittman made the motion and Arnette Haygood – El, seconded the motion.

Next Youth Council Meeting: May 8th, at Central Tech at 1:30pm.

ATTACHMENT 4

Meeting: Executive
Date: Monday, March 9, 2009
Members: Jim Di Blasi, Jim Fellows, Don Napier, Elaine Walter, Marvin Reed, Anthony Colella, Jesse Dowdell, Kathy Kotz
Staff: Lenore Sealy, Bob Agostini, Vicki Linney, Lori Wilson

1. Old business

- ◆ Career Connections was a highly successful event. The day highlighted workforce and career development with emphasis on training and education as keys to businesses opportunities. It got a tremendous amount of press due to our partnership with NewsChannel 9. A second event will be planned in the fall.
- ◆ Bylaws – We remain unable to adopt the revised bylaws because there has not been a 2/3 majority presence at any meeting. This will remain a challenge.
- ◆ Audit update – Audit Committee to meet on Wednesday, March 18 @ noon. They will receive the preliminary report from our outside Auditor that was just completed. Initially Dave Moynihan indicated that there are two minor areas of concern – IT and Payroll. He commented that we are going in the right direction. Marvin Reed questioned why we have payroll issues each year. Bob Agostini explained what was found.

2. Finance Report

Bob Agostini reviewed and explained the following financial graphs and reports, as of January 31, 2009:

- Balance sheet
- Statement of Activities
- Statement of Functional Expenses
- Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
- PY 07 & PY08 Spending vs. 80% Target
- PY 08 Supplemental Spending vs. 85% Target

3. CNY Works Services

We continue to be extremely busy and are addressing our increased volume as effectively as we can. Staff is working diligently to maintain a high level of customer service balanced by the sheer numbers of individuals assigned to them.

We have hired two new WIA employees who are retirees of NYS DOL. They are an asset as we face Magna as well as the other companies' reductions and closings. A big issue remains in having enough space to serve customers. Don Napier questioned whether we would contract out for assistance.

4. Economic Stimulus

We are now learning what will be available in Stimulus and what the requirements will be associated with that money.

By June 30, 2009 - 100% of stimulus money must be expended. By 12/31/09 70% must be spent.

For youth, a big change will be the increase in ages we can serve to age 24. Both summer youth and year round youth programs are receiving this money. Jesse Dowdell questioned whether we will need to hire coordinators. We will definitely need more summer work experiences.

For Adult and Dislocated Workers – 75% should be spent on training that is capacity building.

CNY Works will need a policy on how to handle “needs-based payments”. \$2.5 million will be available. We have done these in the past, but do not currently have one. A policy will be proposed to the Board of Directors at the meeting on 4/23/09.

- 5. Quarterly performance – July 1 to December 31, 2008
 - ◆ Common measures
 - ◆ System indicators

Our report card of Common Measures has no failed ratings.

6. Proposed contract

- ◆ NYS Office of Temporary Disability Assistance - \$382,182
- ◆ Contract is divided between direct cost reimbursement (\$230,000 and performance reimbursements (\$152,182)

The NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) and NYSDOL have funding to assist TANF/low income individuals that seek to develop health career pathways.

The Funding period will be February 1, 2009 – January 31, 2010.

Partners are Jobsplus!, OCM BOCES, Center for Community Alternatives (CCA), Syracuse Alliance for a New Economy (SANE), SEIU 1199 Training and Upgrade Fund, Syracuse Housing Authority (SHA), Loretto, Crouse Hospital, Workforce Development Institute (SDI)

OCM BOCES, for intake and assessment services will receive	\$53,307
CCA, for supports for previously incarcerated individuals will receive	\$8,000
SANE, for recruitment and case management of candidates from specific neighborhoods with high unemployment will receive	\$8,000

CNY Works and its partners will recruit those on public assistance (TANF or Safety Net or other low income individuals, provide thorough assessment of skills, abilities and interests and enroll them in programs to prepare them for entering the health care field in any of a variety of ways. CNY Works will manage the project and provide a case manager to work with the participants and partner agencies to maximize the chances for success of each participant. The objective is to set people on a career path in the health care field that will provide them avenues for advancement and long term career opportunities.

Action:

Elaine Walter entered a motion

- ◆ That CNY Works enter into a contract with NYS Department of Labor and NYS Office of Temporary Disability Assistance to provide assessment of skills, interests and abilities on individuals who are on public assistance, or with low family income. CNY Works will also provide support services that will enable those individuals to pursue health career employment opportunities with career tracks. The contract will run from 2/1/2009 through 1/31/2010 and CNY Works will receive \$382,182.

Kathy Kotz seconded. The motion was carried unanimously.

7. New business

- ♦ *The Economist*

Upstate New York will be featured in a series of articles in *The Economist*. Lenore Sealy was interviewed about our workforce development services.

- ♦ Growth Council letter to Governor

Elaine Walter will get a letter signed on behalf of the County Executive's Office.

8. Next Meetings – Board meets on Thursday, April 23, 2009

Executive Committee meets on Monday April 13, 2009

ATTACHMENT 5

Meeting: Executive
Date: Monday, April 12, 2009
Members: Jim Di Blasi, Jim Fellows, Don Napier, Elaine Walter, Anthony Colella
Staff: Lenore Sealy, Bob Agostini, Vicki Linney, Lori Wilson

9. Finance Report

We have received our Notice of Obligational Authority (NOA) Stimulus #PY08-1 for LWIA – Onondaga County.

Bob Agostini has created a new graph to reflect the stimulus monies.

Bob reviewed and explained the following financial graphs and reports: as of February 28, 2009:

PY 07 & PY08 Spending vs. 80% Target

PY 08 Supplemental Spending vs. 85% Target

Don Napier and Jim Fellows engaged in discussion about how to best utilize the funds that are now available to us.

We must spend most of the money in the first year.

Funds will cover transformational training and can include curriculum development.

We will need a policy to cover needs related financial payments. These come into play when individuals exhaust UI benefits.

10. Audit Committee – 3/18/09

The audit committee reviewed the independent Auditor's report. A final report will be presented to the Board of Directors on April 23, 2009 by Testone, Marshall and Discenza.

The Corrective Action plan was distributed and discussed.

11. Programs and Services Committee – 4/1/09

- ◆ Stimulus discussion
- ◆ Communications plan
- ◆ Youth RFP
- ◆ Next meeting – 4/20/09 @ 8 AM

12. American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Stimulus)

There is a great deal of interest in local spending of stimulus funds. Lenore Sealy has been in discussion with key individuals and organizations involving this. She provided information to the Executive Committee on the following current initiatives:

- ◆ Northside Collaboratory
- ◆ Near Westside Initiative
- ◆ Say Yes to Education (Syracuse City School District, Clear Channel)
- ◆ Onondaga Community College – Technology programming
- ◆ Syracuse University – I School
- ◆ MACNY
- ◆ TDO
- ◆ City of Syracuse

- ◆ Enhanced customer service strategies
- ◆ Serve customers through web
- ◆ Common Council
- ◆ Associated Builders and Contractors
- ◆ County Executive's Office
- ◆ Literacy Coalition
- ◆ Southwest Community Center
- ◆ Regional planning

13. New business

- ◆ Press conference – Congressman Maffei and Executive Deputy Commissioner of Labor, Mario Musolino

- ◆ Energy and Environmental Systems (13N) grant renewed

- ◆ Project ION – MDA cancelled contract with NYS DOL
This is due to the requirements not fitting MDA's purpose in this project.

- ◆ Nominating Committee will be convened for the purpose of developing a slate of officers for PY 09.

14. Next Meeting – Board meets on Thursday, April 23

**CNY Works
Executive Director’s Report
April 23, 2009**

- 1. Career Connections
 - ◆ February 25, 2009, Oncenter
 - ◆ Approximately 1600 job seekers attended
 - ◆ 45 exhibitors
 - ◆ Next event – fall 2009
- 2. American Recovery and Reinvestment – Stimulus (Handout)

- ◆ WIA allocations – timely, transparent, targeted (temporary)
- ◆ Youth

	<u>Onondaga WIB PY 08 Formula Allocations</u>	<u>Onondaga WIB Stimulus Allocations</u>	<u>NYS Total by Funding Category</u>
Adult	\$819,164	\$503,922	\$26,788,694
Dislocated Worker	735,097	899,156	39,820,913
Youth	952,824	1,304,591	60,797,406
TOTAL	\$2,507,085	\$2,707,669	\$127,407,013

- a. Plan to spend 80 – 100% for summer 2009
- b. Plan to serve 1000 youth
- c. Request for Proposals – (Handout)
- d. Plan to serve 1000 youth during summer
- e. 14 – 24 year-olds, low income

- ◆ Adult/Dislocated Worker
 - a. Dislocated worker - target unemployed
 - b. Adult – target low income
 - c. Training emphasis
 - d. Needs related payments
- ◆ Communications
 - a. Education – Onondaga Community College, Syracuse University, meeting with training providers
 - b. Community – Near Westside Initiative, Northside Collaboratory, Southwest Community Center
 - c. Government – County Executive’s Office, City Economic Development, Common Council, Regional WIBs/One Stops
 - d. Business/ – MACNY employer group, TDO, Associated Builders and Contractors

3. Proposed Contract – Health Career Pathways funded through NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance

- ◆ Contractor – OCM BOCES
Amount - \$53,307
Contract period – February 1, 2009 to January 31, 2010
Customers – TANF, low income, youth

Services - Intake and assessment services, including eligibility verification, comprehensive assessment of skills, abilities, interests and aptitudes to ensure participants are making an informed choice in entering the health careers field.