



**GLOW EMERGING WORKER COMMITTEE MEETING**  
Genesee County Career Center, Batavia  
5/11/21, 3 – 4 pm  
Approved Minutes

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Darren Burdick, NYS Department of Labor; Matt Dussault, WCCA; Dave Rumsey, Genesee County DSS Commissioner; Mary Guldenschuh, Livingston County Office of Workforce Development; Bob Molisani, Caledonia-Mumford School District; Jaden Ohlson, GC Job Development; Nicholette Thomas, ACCES-VR; Julia Rogers, Batavia City School District; Luke Kantor, Iroquois Job Corps; Dennis Essom, Iroquois Job Corps; Jane Sullivan, NYS Commissioner for the Blind

**Guests:** Teresa Van Son, GC Job Development

**WDB**

Introductions were made by everyone present at the meeting. There was a quorum at the meeting.

**Approval of Minutes/Corrections**

Darren Burdick made the motion to approve the 2/9/21 GLOW Emerging Worker Committee Meeting Minutes; Bob Molisani seconded the motion; all members present at the meeting were in favor, and the motion was carried. The 2/9/21 GLOW Emerging Worker Committee Meeting minutes are approved.

**GLOW Youth Performance – Jay Lazarony, GLOW WDB Director**

Jay reviewed GLOW Youth Performance. As of 4/30/21, GLOW has enrolled 87 new youth along with 52 youth that carried over from last year which is a total of 139 youth receiving services. The program year starts 7/1 and ends 6/30. Genesee and Livingston has met their contract and Orleans and Wyoming need a few more youth enrollments to meet their contract by 6/30. To date, the total approved funds for Work Experiences = \$91,190; Total approved funds for training = \$119,917; Total funds approved for supportive services = \$16,797; Total funds approved for Incentive payments = \$1,300. Total GLOW Youth and Adult Funds Approved = \$550,000. Jay noted GLOW will hit \$1,000,000 of funds spent on customers for the past two program years. Performance is good!

**Summer Youth Employment Program**

Jay noted that the TANF funds that GLOW receives for the summer youth employment program was delayed last year as well again this year. Typically funds are known and available by May 1<sup>st</sup> which are released NYS Division of Budget.

**Mary Guldenschuh, Livingston County Office of Workforce Development** – They have 59 applicants compared to last year 61. They are doing remote interviews during May. There are 7 possible WIOA recruits! They plan on remote orientations. They are full steam ahead!

**Matt Dussault, Wyoming County Community Action (WCCA)** – They are in the recruitment process - most in person interview with some remote. Worksites are excited and some are new. They will be targeting potential WIOA recruits.

**Jaden Ohlson, Genesee County Job Development** - They are ahead compared to last year and almost all of their spots seem to be filled and will be doing intakes first 2 weeks in June. They are doing outreach to employers and are well on their way to have a successful summer!

Jay reported that RTMA, GCC, GV BOCES, is running a Summer Manufacturing Boot Camp training as well as paid work experience for 15 youth covered under a grant and 5 spots are reserved for WIOA funded customers.

### **Amended GLOW WDB Special ITA Policy**

Jay reported the policy was sent to members extending the date for another year but found other changes needed to be made. Jay reviewed the changes:

- The \$12,000 includes occupational or employer based training, work experience, supportive services, incentive payments
- The \$12,000 was changed to per enrollment (instead of program year).

**VOTE**> Luke Kantor made the motion to approve the GLOW WDB Special ITA Policy as presented; Bob Molisani seconded the motion; all other members present were in favor, and the motion is carried. The policy is approved and will go to the GLOW WDB for approval on 5/18/21.

The GLOW with Your Hands event is scheduled in person on September 28, 2021. If you or anyone else would like to volunteer (tour guides, etc.) at the event, you may go to <https://www.glowwithyourhands.com/volunteer>. There will be a capacity on attendance - currently 500 but GC Health Department is confident it will rise by September. There will be a cap of 40 vendors (agriculture, manufacturing, skilled trades, food processing) bringing interactive activities and 5 human services agencies. Funded through business and some elective official sponsorships.

### **Go Around**

**Matt Dussault, WCCA** – CNA training in July and has 2 potential youth. Recruitment for summer and WIOA. Had some success with youth securing employment with local employers!

**Jaden Ohlson** – They did reach their youth contract goal by end of April. They have 5 youth in LPN and 5 in welding and 2 in Work Experience. They just had a youth finish Lineman training in Georgia and is now applying for jobs all around the country; one youth secured employment after his work experience at ARC; and another youth secured employment 3 days after his CDL Training! Recruiting for CNA class in July. Community Action had spring giveaway where they recruited youth. Jaden is happy to be a part of this committee!

**Julia Rogers, Batavia City School District** – Working on community schools focusing on engaging community families, enriching and engaging learning opportunities as well as leadership opportunities. They are looking at assisting students not going to college.

**Nicholette Thomas, ACCES** – They are still mostly working virtual. She has been getting high school referrals. Jay inquired who Orleans County contact would be for referrals to ACCES, and Nicholette will ask.

**Darren Burdick, NYS DOL** – Most of his staff still assigned to UI but has a few working with customers by virtual appointments. Darren commented how members have changed throughout this committee and welcomes the new members!

**Jane Sullivan, NYS Commission for the Blind** – They are out and about more doing home visits. Intakes are being done in person unless specifically requested not to. Rebekah is now the Transition Counselor and Sarah is covering Genesee County. Jane will reach out to Theresa to see if there is availability for Rebekah or Sarah to visit the center for outreach.

**Mary Guldenschuh, Livingston County OWD** – Livingston County is open! Ray from ACCES has been meeting with appointments at their office. They met their contract goals in March. They did 10 ITAs; 3 CNAs finished up clinical today; 2 are in LPN training and one in HVAC at MCC. Youth earning credentials include lineman certificate; 5 CNA certifications; and 4 received High School Equivalency. They had 11 in Work Experiences and on target to hit 20%. 3 working on HSE; 2 enrolled in college. Of 28 active youth, 14 are in unsubsidized employment!

**Dennis Essom, Iroquois Job Corps Center Director** – Dennis reported enrollment rate is down to 32 students with 28 on campus. There are 77 completing the program and moving on. They are not sure they will have students on campus in September to help out with GLOW with Youth Hands event. They can enroll but students have to do an 8 week virtual career preparation program before going to center. Students arriving at center have to do 2 week quarantine before transitioning into campus, so it is a process but encouraged by the movement. They have no nonresidential students currently as there were none when everything shut down. They are contracted for 225 residential students and contracted for 5 male/5 female nonresidential students. There is no protocol for non-residential students to come back to campus yet they will have nonresidential students eventually.

**Bob Molisani, Caledonia School District** – There is a shortage of positions at school – they are having a hard time filling non-certified positions such as food service workers, cleaners, bus drivers and this is across the region as well.

**Dave Rumsey, GC DSS Commissioner** - Anxiously awaiting for Division of Budget to release summer youth employment funds and will inform everyone when the figures are out.

Jay noted that the next meeting is 9/14/21 and we will have start having hybrid meetings for anyone who wants to attend in person and will also have zoom option. Thank you all for attending these meetings!

The meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

**The Next GLOW Emerging Worker Committee Meeting is: Tuesday, 9/14/21, 3 – 4 pm @ GC Career Center or Zoom**