

Chautauqua Works

one-stop workforce services

Director's Report

1/17/06

YES GRANT

Worked with Department of Social Services in the Fall to create a partnership with Dunkirk City School System in the form of a grant. The grant was awarded \$102,406. DSS plans to subcontract grant activities to the WIB. The grant targets Dunkirk youth 16-19 to improve attendance, academic performance and work readiness.

OPERATIONS JOBS

The second session of Operations JOBS is underway in Dunkirk with 6 participants. Board members Diane Chodan and Dick Rodriguez joined Maclain Nichols, Greg Krauza, and Carrie Kukuda in presenting to the group. The business simulation this session is a retail clothing store. BOCES and COI have done excellent job training on customer service, computers and financial literacy.

MOU

The MOU has been in process since July with the assistance of Phil Wagner, Regional Director of DOL Financial Office of Technical Assistance (FOTA) and Mary Anne Lawrence, Center for Workforce Learning. It is nearing completion for consideration of the Mandated Partners, County Executive and WIB Board.

June 3 & 20	Community Input on System Integration & Partner Priorities
Aug 10	Mandated Partners
Sept 20	Partner Service Mapping
Nov 1	Service Mapping
Dec. 7	Redesign Front End of the One-Stops
Dec 20	System Costs
Jan 4	Cost Allocation

CCON

Significant work has been done to formalize the Chautauqua County Outreach Network consisting of Youth Serving Agencies. The group holds monthly meetings to share referrals, formalize a shared data base and collaborate on projects and funding. In conjunction with the WIB Youth Council, CCON is sponsoring a youth fair on March 22. This has been an excellent example of partnering and sharing services.

COPC GRANT

The partnership lead by SUNY Fredonia was awarded the COPC grant from the federal government for neighborhood revitalization. The WIB is in the grant to tie the grant activities to the One-Stop, work readiness preparation and job training.

RETENTION ANALYSIS

Developed, with a local CFO, an analysis to measure the return on investment for reducing turnover. The analysis has lead to corporate consideration of training and organizational development efforts.