

MEETING MINUTES
Young Adult Initiatives Committee (YAIC) Meeting
1:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 11, 2023
Location: Virtual Meeting – Zoom

QUORUM PRESENT

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** *The event started with a welcome from YAIC Chair, Ms. Mary Waldron, MassHireGBWB at 1:04 p.m.*
2. **ROLL CALL**
Present: Mary Waldron – YAIC Chair, Bob Revil, Solange Alves, Paula Fontes, Paul Bello, Courtney Logan, Liz Westbrook, Sharice Miles, Maria Fernandes, and Kristi Glenn
ABSENT: Makayla Glenn – YAIC Vice-Chair, Ashley Guda, Cynthia McDonagh, Maria Fernandes, Gloria Rubilar, Diane Hill, Courtney Selig, Elizabeth Hennessy, Dan Fitzgerald, Susan McSweeney, and Kristin Ferioli
***Bold** = excused absence
Guest(s): Alan McCall, FBMS; Phil Gomez, Old Colony YMCA; Kamiya Parkin, City Brockton Mayor’s Office; Stephanie Allan; Dennis Carmen, President & CEO United Way Greater Plymouth County; Winnie Bousciaut; Krystel Love, New Heights Charter School-Brockton.
Guest Speaker – Mr. Darryl Huggins, Program Director – BAMS! Young Adult Access Center-Brockton
Staff: Vanessa Labossiere, Rachel Cherry-Adams, David Edwards, Hirondina Barbosa, Michael Joseph, Jason Hunter, David Vincent, Victoria Delannoy, and Shaleah Gilmer
3. **WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS** – *Ms. Mary Waldron*
 - Welcome everyone – Members, Guest, and Students
 - Introductions around the table – Goals & Resolutions for 2023
4. **MINUTES: Review of Prior Meeting Notes from previous meeting(s) – November 9, 2022**
The Meeting Minutes from November 9, 2022 were approved by the YAIC Committee.

Guest Speaker – Mr. Darryl Huggins, Program Director – BAMS! Young Adult Access Center-Brockton (Darrylhuggins@bamsi.org)

- Mr. Huggins presented material on current mental health trends in young people, the road to success in opening a new facility, the outlook for their services and other important information to help and guide young people within the Brockton region dealing with mental health related experiences.
 - Ms. Morgenstern is a former educator, and now a consultant and an entrepreneur. She partnered with the MassHireGBWB assisting in the formulation curriculum for the Connecting Activities partner schools and the MassHireGBWB Youth Services Department programming (financial literacy).
 - Ms. Morgenstern gave highlights from her PowerPoint Presentation
 - ➔ What is a YAAC
 - ➔ YAAC Core Principles
 - ➔ YAAC vs. Other YA Programs
 - ➔ Outreach Efforts
 - ➔ YAAC Staffing
 - ➔ Contract Information
 - 250 Thatcher St., Brockton MA
 - Yaac@bamsi.org
 - Darryl Huggins: (508) 944-0644
 - Have Shuttle bus
 - Open Tuesdays – Friday 2 pm -7 pm and Saturdays 12 pm to 5 pm
 - ➔ Pop-up Events to Engage Young Adults

5. **MassHire Greater Brockton Youth Program Updates**

- Youth Services
 - ***Mr. Michael Joseph***
 - Collaboration with BPS Edison Academy & South Shore Votech – There were 92 presentations to school youth seniors that were interested in the MassHireGBWB WIOA services at MassHire Youth Center.
 - New Heights Charter School of Brockton – Oculus presentations were held.
 - The MassHireGBWB Youth Services Center is currently putting together Job Fair for Spring 2023.

- The MassHireGBWB Youth Center looking for referrals for Resume Assistance and Job Placements youth participants.
- **Ms. Shaleah Gilmer**
 - Media Moguls Program for out of School Youth (OSY), 18–24-year-olds
 - ✓ Media Moguls program 6-week paid program for in school youth, interested parties can contact me directly sgilmer@masshiregbwb.org
 - ➔ Youth learn visual marketing with a certification from the American Graphics.
- **Ms. Hirondina Barbosa, Youth Career Counselor**
 - Bank Teller Training – February 2023 (Hybrid event) for 3 days.
 - ✓ OSY 18-24 years old.
 - ✓ 15 spots open.
 - ✓ Three (3) Certifications available: Universal Banker, Bank Teller, and Customer Service.
- **Mr. David Edwards, Connecting Activities (CA) Coordinator**
 - March 2023/STEM Exploration at the Bridgewater State University (BSU) with the young people learning the NeuroMaker (Somerville MA); they make Robotic hands and there will be hands-on STEM activities as well for this day.
 - April 2023/ CAP Career Day Conference with breakout sessions focusing on mental health in the workplace and entrepreneurship.

6. **Partner Program Update**

- **Ms. Krystal Love, New Heights Charter School-Brockton**
 - Reported on their regional college curriculum.
 - Recent Credit for Life Fair held recently at Regis College – 52 students participated in this event. This will be an annual going forward per Ms. Love.
- **Ms. Paula Fontes, New Heights Charter School-Brockton**
 - Reported on their upcoming Spring College Fair.
 - School partnership meetings – for the New Heights Charter School-Brockton participation.
- **Ms. Courtney Logan, Old Colony YMCA –**
 - Reported on their College activities with their participating youth.
- **Ms. Kristi Glenn, Pinnacle Partnerships**
 - Reported on their current mental health activities for youth [mental health aid for youth] and their vaccine info

7. **OTHER BUSINESS**

- None

8. **ADJOURNMENT** – No business conducted; the meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING – March 8, 2023
Location: Zoom**