



FLREDC MEETING SUMMARY

Introductory Information:

Date and Time Meeting Commenced: May 22, 2019 at 1:30 pm

Location: SUNY Geneseo, MacVittie College Union, 1 College Circle, Geneseo, NY

Council Members Present: Robert Bausch, A. D. Berwanger, Matt Cole, Bob Duffy, Paul Fortin, Steve Griffin, Anne Kress, Theresa Mazzullo, Dave Munson, Wade Norwood, Peter Robinson, Hilda Rosario-Escher, Jaime Saunders, Bill Strassburg, Dawn Taubman, David Young

****Council Member Substitutes:** Bill Bacon for Dave LeFeber, Nichole Malec for Ginny Clark, Mitch Rowe for Bob Shipley, Tom Vanstrydonck for County Executive Cheryl Dinolfo

State Agency/Local Government/ESD Staff: Vincent Esposito, Kiska Stevens, Greg Albert, Chris Bauer, Kevin Bush, Steve Gawlick, Steve Golding, Hector Gonzalez, Tammy Mayberry, Richard Parker, JaMone Turner, Joseph Hamm, Shari Vincent-Voorhees, Fred Bonn, Ralph Van Houten

Special Guests: Lori Borowiak, NYSEDA; Larry Marx, The Children's Agenda; Kerri Neifeld, NYS Human Services & Mental Health; Mary Ellen Zuckerman, SUNY Geneseo

Time Adjourned: 2:45 PM

Welcome and Remarks: Vincent Esposito welcomed everyone to the FLREDC Meeting.

Opening Remarks: Bob Duffy and Anne Kress welcomed everyone attending and thanked SUNY Geneseo for hosting. Anne Kress introduced Dr. Mary Ellen Zuckerman, Dean of the SUNY Geneseo School of Business.

Host Welcome & Update: Dr. Mary Ellen Zuckerman welcomed everyone for attending on behalf of Denise Battles, President of SUNY Geneseo, who was not able to be with us.

Vinnie Esposito then introduced Bill Bacon, Livingston County Economic Development Executive Director, who thanked everyone for coming and then gave a presentation on Livingston County. He highlighted the quality-of-life, agriculture as a primary industry, food manufacturing, and craft brewing. He also reviewed the impact that the closure of the Livingston County Correctional Facility will have on Livingston County and asked for the FLREDC to assist in any way they can. He also commented that RMAPI is not a regional plan, it is a Rochester plan. Poverty affects all of us and rural anti-poverty plans need to be addressed.

Executive Director Update: Vincent Esposito gave a review of what has been happening since the last meeting in April (See Presentation posted online). He also announced the presentation that will be given at the June 4th meeting on a new Workforce Development Initiative and encouraged everyone to attend if they can. He also thanked Clayton Jones and Adrian Hale for all they do and their support.

CFA Round 9 and DRI Round 4 Overview: Ja Mone Turner presented on the CFA Round 9 and the DRI Round 4 overview (See Presentation posted online). He emphasized that the CFA portal closes on July 26th at 4pm sharp and there will be no late submissions.

Downtown Revitalization Initiative: Chris Bauer, NYS Department of State, gave a presentation on the DRI Round 4 and what is being looked for in the applications.

Vinnie Esposito asked Steve Griffin if he could provide any pointers on the DRI process as Penn Yan was the Round 3 winner for the DRI funds. Steve stated that planning is important, the process is fast, community input is very important, and a clear vision is necessary.

Child Care Strategies: Vinnie Esposito introduced Kerri Neifeld, NYS Assistant Secretary for Human Services and Mental Hygiene and Larry Marx, The Children's Agenda CEO, who gave a presentation on the Child Care Strategies and the access of child care and the unregulated child care and how there is a need for training in child care and how it goes hand-in-hand with workforce development (See presentation posted online). **They** emphasized that affordability, accessibility, and alternate hours of child care are barriers for those in poverty or low-income situations to being successful economically.

Vinnie Esposito stated that the FLREDC has already identified child care issues and Kerry Neifeld stated that they hold the FLREDC up as an example across the state when it comes to this issue.

Hilda Rosario Escher asked if every region will get a copy of the GAP Analysis report that is being conducted and Kerri Neifeld stated yes.

Bob Duffy stated that the cost of child care for single women is also keeping **them** from getting a secondary education and asked if businesses could do a better job with work study programs, child care, bringing kids to work one or two days a week to help with the child care costs. Kerri Neifeld stated they are working on pulling together a survey to identify these things and ideas to assist with child care issues.

Peter Robinson thanked Kerri Neifeld for doing these things but is concerned with the processes to get startup funding for programs versus stable and sustainable funding going forward. Kerri Neifeld is looking to the REDC's to partner and get things started, get the funding and then find sustainable funding and **to** identify what the needs truly are.

Vinnie Esposito stated that Hilda Rosario-Escher and Larry Marx are going to co-chair this effort.

NYSERDA Net Zero Energy for Economic Development Program: Vincent Esposito introduced Lori Borowiak, NYS Energy Research and Development Authority, who gave a presentation on NYSERDA's Net Zero for Economic Development Program and the opportunities in the CFA's (See presentation posted online).

Vinnie Esposito thanked **all** the presenters for all of their work.

Work Group Reorganization: Vinnie Esposito reviewed that we voted on a new strategic framework on our house and the reorganization of the Work Groups (See presentation posted online).

Next Steps & Comments: Vinnie Esposito reviewed the Work Plan and the upcoming events at the end of June (See presentation posted online).

Bob Duffy thanked the Council, SUNY Geneseo for hosting, the presenters, the public for attending, the work groups for all the work they do, and said that child care is an opportunity to impact wage growth for those in poverty.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 4th from 2:00pm to 3:00pm at Monroe Community College Brighton Campus. The meeting was adjourned.

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