

**WARREN COUNTY
EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING ADMINISTRATION**

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**Warren County
Human Services Committee**

AGENDA

April 28, 2014 – 10:00 AM

1. Consideration to Authorize Contract with BOCES (Resolution Request Form 4 attached as page 2)
2. Request to Host Meeting or Conference (see attached page 3)
3. Old Business
4. New Business
5. Adjournment

RESOLUTION REQUEST FORM NO. 3

Request for New Contract

DEPARTMENT NAME: Employment and Training

DATE: 4/28/14

- (a) Is this a Result of a Bid or Request for Proposal? no
- (b) Purpose of Contract: To provide employment and training services for the summer youth employment program.
- (c) Name of Contractor: Washington-Saratoga-Warren-Hamilton-Essex Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES)
- (d) Address of Contractor: 1153 Burgoyne Ave., Suite 2, Fort Edward, NY 12828
- (e) Contractor's Contact Person and Telephone Number: Doug Leavens, 581-3610
- (f) Has or will the Contract be provided, if so, please attach:
- (g) Commencement Date of Contract: on or after 7/2/14
- (h) Termination Date of Contract: no later than 8/22/13
- (i) Payment Provisions:
 - i) lump sum amount
 - ii) hourly rate amount
 - iii) total amount not to exceed \$12,817
 - iv) how will payments be made (i.e. monthly, quarterly, upon completion of the project, etc. cost reimbursement at completion
- (j) Where are the Funds for this Contract? List Budget Code, (with title), Object Code (with title), and Amount: OR Capital Project OR Capital Reserve Project Number, and Title, and Amount: WIA youth - 40 6293 0310 470

Warren County Request to Host Meeting or Conference

Name of Department: Employment & Training Administration

Name of Meeting/Conference: Saratoga-Warren-Washington Workforce Investment Board

Date: June 4, 2014

Location: SUNY Adirondack

Purpose: Quarterly Board Meeting

Contact Person: (If other than Department Head)

Phone No.: 824-8865

Number of People attending:

3 County Employees

3 State Employees

34 Volunteers

Others (specify)

Cost to County (please include amounts):

Room rental \$ 000.00

Food/beverage \$ 100.00 est.

Supplies \$

Other (specify) \$

Total Cost: \$ 100.00 est

Dept Head Approval:

Committee Chairman Approval:

Signature

Signature

Date:

Date

March 24, 2014

Assemblyman Daniel G. Stec
Legislative Office Building
Room 940
Albany, New York 12248

Dear Assemblyman Stec:

I am writing to bring your attention to concerns passed on to me by members of the County's Human Services Committee regarding the State's transition from the test formerly known as the General Equivalency Diploma (GED) to the Test Assessing Secondary Completion (TASC). These concerns arose in part as a result of a discussion with staff from the Employment & Training Administration.

Based on demographic information, nearly 10% of adults in Warren County aged eighteen and over do not have a high school diploma. Over 27% of these people aged twenty-five and over earn less than the poverty level. On average, a high school graduate (including equivalency graduates), earns 43.6% more than a non-graduate.

On behalf of the Board of Supervisors, I am requesting that our State Legislators consider the following points with regard to this vitally important issue:

- It could be more difficult to obtain a high school equivalency diploma;
- Since the transition to the new test, our local BOCES is not able to fill adult education classes which is unprecedented in recent years;
- Without a high school equivalency diploma, it will be more difficult for people to get jobs;
- As more of our residents do not receive a high school equivalency diploma, it creates a financial stress on the county and the state with increased welfare costs and increases in other social services;
- Computerization and prohibitive cost are creating an additional barrier to obtaining a high school equivalency diploma;
- Logistics of the change are impacting current students in areas such as lack of availability of practice tests, arranging for test sites and instructor training.

I appreciate your consideration of Warren County's concerns with regard to this critically important component of our educational program.

Sincerely,

Kevin B. Geraghty
Chairman

cc: Kevin Smith, Deputy Commissioner for Adult Career & Continuing Education Services