

**Youth Council
Workforce Investment Board of Will County
Joliet Junior College Renaissance Center
214 N. Ottawa Street, Room 519, Joliet, IL**

**February 24, 2012
Minutes**

Council Members					
Name	Present	Absent	Name	Present	Absent
Jennifer Bertino		X	Neal Kauffman	X	
Mary Bertolini		X	Dan Kreidler	X	
Tom Bloodgood		X	Barb Ladner	X	
Herb Brooks		X	Emilie McCallister	X	
RJ D'Orazio		X	Cheryl McCarthy	X	
Dale Evans	X		Jim Moustis	X	
Susan Flessner	X		Marieta Pergi	X	
Jill Garbaliauskas	X		Laura Price	X	
Monica Guillory		X	Shana Ross		X
Pam Heavens		X	Chris Sanchez		X
Mike Hennessy	X		Paige Vanderhyden	X	
Lyle Hicks		X			
Elizabeth Kaufman		X			

Others Present: Pat Fera, Mary Gajcak

Welcome and Approval of Minutes

Susan Flessner called the meeting to order. The minutes of the December, 2011 meeting were approved on a motion by Emilie McCallister, seconded by Dale Evans.

Career Seekers

The Council reviewed the Career Seeker Report through December 31, 2011. The report includes information on currently enrolled youth, all youth receiving services, and demographics of youth. The Council also reviewed the monitoring reports for the Career Seeker contractors.

Youth Services – PY11

Flessner provided the Council with a summary of the revisions to WIA Youth Services. The services changes will include moving some of the youth services currently being conducted by Career Seeker contractors in-house to the Workforce Services Division. Flessner reported that two request for proposals (RFPs) were released: GED/Academic Skill Enhancement and Work Readiness/National Career Readiness Certification. She asked for volunteers from the Council to serve on the review team for the proposals received along with other Workforce Investment Board members. Barb Ladner, Marieta Pergi, and Laura Price volunteers to assist with the RFP reviews.

Youth Provider Summit

Mary Gajcak gave an update on the Youth Provider Networking Summit that will be held on Friday, April 27, 2012. She distributed an information sheet with the detail of the event. She noted that the Save the Date emails were sent out last week and Fera will check to make sure all Youth Council members are on the invitation list.

Other Business

Jill Garbaliauskas provided a booklet to the Council on the Family Health Services programs that are available in the County. She also reported on two new programs that are being offered to youth mothers and young fathers through the Health Department. She indicated that she has flyers and information sheets on both programs and can share additional copies with those who are interested.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held via conference call on Thursday, April 5, 2012 at 9:00 am. All members were encouraged to attend the Youth Provider Summit on April 27th in lieu of a formal meeting.