

**Youth Council
Workforce Investment Board of Will County
Joliet Junior College Renaissance Center,
214 N. Ottawa Street, Joliet, IL
January 16, 2015
Minutes**

Council Members					
Name	Present	Absent	Name	Present	Absent
Nancy Baldwin	X		Monica Lowe	X	
Tom Bloodgood		X	Colleen Mathy		X
Dale Evans	X		Emilie McCallister	X	
Susan Flessner	X		Cheryl McCarthy		X
Jill Garbaliauskas		X	Jim Moustis		X
Beth Gonzalez	X		Marieta Pergi	X	
Pam Heavens	X		Laura Price	X	
Mike Hennessy		X	Chris Sanchez		X
Neal Kauffman	X		Jerry Staley		X
Elizabeth Kaufman	X		Anika Todd	X	
Allison Lizzadro		X	Paige Vanderhyden		X

Others Present: Tabitha Boshears, Pat Fera, Keri Peter, Gina Tuminello

Welcome and Approval of Minutes

Susan Flessner called the meeting to order. The minutes of the October 2014 meeting were approved on a motion by Dale Evans, seconded by Elizabeth Kauffman.

Youth Occupational Training and Connect 2 Employment

Monica Lowe presented an overview of the Occupational Youth Training program that started July 1st. First Institute and Joliet Junior College were awarded contracts to facilitate youth enrolling in post-secondary education. Lowe presented the first report on the program. Joliet Junior College has enrolled 47 of the 70 required participants and First Institute has enrolled 6 of their required 20. Lowe also presented the December monthly report for the youth program Connect 2 Employment. The report shows a comparison to the last quarter and year-to-date. Lowe pointed out that the number of youth employed has gone up from last quarter.

National Career Readiness Certification (NCRC)

Pat Fera presented a six month report on the NCRC portion of the youth program. Since July 1, 2014, there were 35 orientations with a total of 116 enrolled.

Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act

Susan Flessner presented an overview of the Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act and how it will impact the current youth programs and regulations.

Youth Subcontracts

Pat Fera informed the Council that the youth contracts end June 30, 2015. A Request for Proposal will be released around the second week of February for GED Attainment/Academic Skill Improvement and Youth Occupational Skill Training program. Contracts are awarded for one-year with two possible one-year extensions. Fera distributed an overview of the two youth programs. The youth staff will have a discussion on the youth programs and any changes will be made before releasing the RFP. Once RFP is released, Fera will ask for volunteers to sit on a proposal review team. Contract recommendations will be brought to the June Workforce Investment Board meeting. New contracts will begin on July 1, 2015.

State of Youth Report 2014

Fera mentioned that the State of Youth Report – 2014 had a few changes since the release of the report. The report is distributed to youth providers and provides data that is helpful when writing grants and developing programs. Copies of the report are available and the updated report is posted on the www.willcountyworkforceboard.com website.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Youth Council will be held on Friday, May 8, 2015 at 11:30 a.m. at the Joliet Junior College Renaissance Center, 214 N. Ottawa Street, Room 519, Joliet, IL.