

**Youth Council
Workforce Investment Board of Will County
Workforce Center of Will County
2400 Glenwood Avenue, Joliet, IL
November 3, 2016
Minutes**

Council Members					
Name	Present	Absent	Name	Present	Absent
Nancy Baldwin		X	Monica Lowe	X	
Dale Evans		X	Emilie McCallister	X	
Susan Flessner		X	Cheryl McCarthy		X
Beth Gonzalez	X		Jim Moustis		X
Pam Heavens	X		Marieta Pergi	X	
Mike Hennessy		X	Caroline Portlock	X	
Mark Jepson		X	Laura Price		X
Neal Kauffman	X		Anika Todd		X
Elizabeth Kaufman	X				

Others Present: Sue Davinger, Pat Fera, Mary Gajcak, and Pamela Thomas

Welcome and Approval of Minutes

Pat Fera called the meeting to order.

The minutes of the July 7, 2016 meeting were approved on a motion by Caroline Portlock, seconded by Emilie McCallister.

Youth Provider Summit 2016: Fera summarized the Youth Provider Summit for the committee. Attendee evaluations were very positive. After registration fees, the event cost was \$2,939. Of seventy three attendants, sixty two paid registration, eleven were gratis. Attendance was affected by the fact that there were three other events on the same day. Mary Gajcak recommended that, rather than another annual Youth Provider Summit, that quarterly information sessions, featuring one topic at a time would be offered at the WCWC. Some topics discussed included Behavioral Health, Advanced LinkedIn training, Gang updates, and digital safety.

Connect to Your Future youth program: Fera reviewed Connect to Your Future Program reports. 204 customers are currently in Occupational Training. Nearly all who completed the training gained employment. Fera noted that 164 customers gained unsubsidized employment, and 11 are in subsidized positions. Fera reported that 215 students were served in September. 93 currently enrolled students are in unsubsidized positions, and only one is in subsidized employment, with an average wage of \$9.25. Both programs have increased dramatically in enrollment this year. In September, 30 new youths were contacted, and 24 youths signed up for TABE testing.

Youth Video: Fera reported that EDSI has been approached to begin work on the creation of the Youth Video project, spanning the four workforce sectors. Youth, CED/Occupational Skills participants and employers will be recruited for the making of the videos.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Youth Council will be held on January 5th at the Workforce Center of Will County, 2400 Glenwood, Joliet at 7:30 am.