

**Youth Council
Workforce Investment Board of Will County
Workforce Center of Will County
2400 Glenwood Avenue, Joliet, IL
May 5, 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		Jerry Staley	X	
Elizabeth Kaufman	X		Anika Todd	X	

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

Welcome and Approval of Minutes

Jerry Staley called the meeting to order, and asked attendees to introduce themselves.

The minutes of the January 2016 meeting were approved on a motion by Dale Evans, seconded by Elizabeth Kaufman.

Action Plan: Pat Fera reviewed the Youth Council Action Plan Timeline. The WorkKeys Work Ready Community project will not be renewed this year. There was not much interest from employers in using the National Career Readiness Certification (NCRC) or in having jobs profiled through the project. The NCRC will still be a component of the local Work Readiness program that all customers going into training much obtain. Mary Gajcak is compiling the State of Youth Report, which will be made interactive on the WIB website for ease of access and use.

Connect to Your Future youth program: Fera presented the March Occupational Skills Training Program Report. She asked the committee to bring suggestions for making older youth aware of services available to them. This report will be expanded next year to include the number of clients that finished this program, the number who got jobs after training, and whether their jobs are related to the training that they received.

Youth Contract: Fera presented the GED Preparation and Occupational Skill Training Program for Youth contract with Joliet Junior College-Workforce Development for renewal. Dale Evans moved to continue the program as presented for an additional year; Nancy Baldwin seconded. Motion carried. Caroline Portlock abstained.

Youth Provider Summit: Gajcak presented the preliminary agenda for the upcoming 2016 Youth Provider Summit, which will take place at Silver Cross Hospital on September 30th from 7:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Keynote Speaker, Wayne Breitbarth, author of "The Power Formula for LinkedIn Success" will present two additional workshops for the public on Thursday, September 29th. The day before the Summit, a morning workshop designed for business professionals will be available for \$25 registration fee; an evening session designed for employees and job seekers will be presented at no charge. Workforce Investment Board will provide one book at no charge for each attendant. Staley asked Youth Council members to volunteer at the Summit as needed.

Next Meeting

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