

**Youth Council
Workforce Investment Board of Will County
Workforce Center of Will County
2400 Glenwood Avenue, Joliet, IL
July 7, 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: Cindy Burnsich, Cody Dailey, Sue Davinger, Pat Fera, Mary Gajcak, Avis Hamilton, Erin Kohl, Keri Peter, Pamela Thomas, and Stewart Warren.

Welcome and Approval of Minutes

Cheryl McCarthy called the meeting to order, and asked attendees to introduce themselves.

The minutes of the May 5, 2016 meeting were approved on a motion by Nancy Baldwin, seconded by Caroline Portlock.

Youth Provider Summit 2016: Mary Gajcak presented the agenda for the upcoming Youth Provider Summit to take place on September 30th from 7:30 am to 2:00 pm. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. 'Save the Date' cards will be mailed out early to mid-August and the \$30 registration fee will be taken on-line. This registration fee provides the Summit, meals and a book. Gajcak noted that Featured Speaker, Wayne Breitbarth, will also give a presentation for HR professionals on the morning of September 29th and a workshop for job seekers that evening. Board members can attend all events at no cost.

State of Youth Report: Fera reviewed planned additions to the State of Youth Report for 2017. Beginning this year, the Report will be available online as a web-based interactive data report with pictures and charts that can be used as a resource for the Community. Information and data will be updated throughout the year to keep up with latest releases and trends. Projected costs are not yet available. The Communications Committee will take charge of this project. Fera asked for the Committee to provide input on data to be included in report, as well as their feedback and ideas.

Connect to Your Future youth program: Fera gave May Reports Connect to Your Future youth programs:

- Occupational Skills Training Program – 164 students are enrolled in Occupational Training and 32 of these students are enrolled in the Work Readiness program. Fera noted that an overwhelming majority of students (140) have gained unsubsidized employment and 33 students have obtained subsidized employment.
- GED – In May, 126 students were enrolled in the High School Equivalency Preparation/Academic Skill Improvement Program. Five students obtained their GED in May. Of these students, 97 have received unsubsidized employment, 4 obtained subsidized internships, and 25 are not employed.

Fera reviewed plans to update data included in the Occupational Skills Training Program monthly Report and the High School Equivalency Preparation (GED) Report for 2017.

Staff members from Joliet Junior College and the Workforce Services Division of Will County shared information and updates on program performance, including client success stories. Staff noted that recent

collaboration and increased communication between JJC and WSD providers has led to greater ability overall to meet the many needs of young people.

Next Meeting

THERE WILL BE NO SEPTEMBER MEETING. All members are encouraged to attend the Youth Provider Summit on September 30th from 7:30 to 2:00 at Silver Cross Hospital in New Lenox.