

**Youth Council**  
**Workforce Investment Board of Will County**  
 Workforce Center of Will County  
 2400 Glenwood Avenue, Joliet, IL  
**September 5, 2017**  
**Minutes**

Council Members					
Name	Present	Absent	Name	Present	Absent
Nancy Baldwin		X	Monica Lowe	X	
Colleen Brooks	X		Emilie McCallister	X	
Toni Carrera		X	Cheryl McCarthy	X	
Gloria Dollinger	X		Marieta Pergi	X	
Susan Flessner	X		Keri Peter	X	
Mike Hennessy		X	Laura Price		X
Mark Jepson		X	Michele Stipe		X
Neal Kauffman	X		Pamela Thomas	X	
Elizabeth Kaufman	X				
Others present:					
Sue Davinger	Caroline Portlock				

**Welcome and Approval of Minutes**

Cheryl McCarthy called the meeting to order.

The minutes of the May 2, 2017 meeting were approved on a motion by Susan Flessner, seconded by Emilie McCallister.

**Youth Provider Workshop; Third Quarter event:** Caroline Portlock encouraged the Committee to attend the upcoming “Human Trafficking – It’s Happening Here” workshop on September 28<sup>th</sup>, from 9-11:00 a.m. at the WCWC. Presenter will be Mary Ann Andrade- Bekker of Genesis Therapy Center. Twenty four people have registered for the event to date. Some agencies had requested that a second presentation be added, as they would like their entire staff to have the opportunity to attend – instead we are working to have the program filmed.

**Connect to Your Future youth program:** Keri Peter presented the Occupational Training report for July, with highlights of the successes of customers due to the support services available to them at Joliet Junior College.

Monica Lowe presented the March GED report. She noted that the male student population has grown to exceed the female population. In July, 136 students received services. 79 are in unsubsidized employment.

The Committee viewed the new Connect to Your Future program promotional video created by EDSI for Workforce Services. Portlock asked for the Committee’s suggestions before project is finalized.

**Strategic Plan:** Portlock reviewed the current Youth Council Action Plan. Committee members were asked to review the document and provide feedback to create the 2017-18 Strategic Plan.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the Youth Council will be the held on November 7, 2017, at the Workforce Center of Will County, 2400 Glenwood, Joliet, at 7:30 am.