

Youth Council
Workforce Investment Board of Will County
 Workforce Center of Will County
 2400 Glenwood Avenue, Joliet, IL
November 7, 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	Mary Gajcak		Caroline Portlock		

Welcome and Approval of Minutes

Cheryl McCarthy called the meeting to order. The Committee welcomed new members, Michele Stipe and Ben Stortz.

The minutes of the September 5, 2017 meeting were approved on a motion by Emilie McCallister, seconded by Michele Stipe.

Youth Provider Events: Mary Gajcak reported that the Human Trafficking Workshop, presented by Mary Ann Andrade-Bekker was a great success. The Workshop was video-taped and will be made available on the new WIB You-Tube Channel. Gajcak asked the Committee for topics for upcoming events. Teen Suicide and Digital Safety were recommended, as well as Gang Updates, Personal Safety, and more from Stephen Kehoe on mental health issues.

Portlock asked the Committee for input regarding the creation of the State of the Youth Report. All suggestions need to be called into Portlock not later than December 15th.

Connect to Your Future youth program: Keri Peter presented the Occupational Training report with examples of success stories gained.

Marieta Pergi gave the GED report. Six students that recently completed their GED are working with Keri to transfer into Occupational Skills Training.

RFPs for youth services will be released in January. Portlock asked the Committee for volunteers to review the RFPs. Selections will go to the Board in April and to the Will County Board in May for approval.

Portlock distributed the 2018 Meeting Calendar. Due to Holidays, there will be no meeting of the Youth Council in January or September. However, the RFP review committee will meet in February.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Youth Council will be March 6, 2018, at the Workforce Center of Will County, 2400 Glenwood, Joliet, at 7:30 am.