

Youth Council
 Workforce Investment Board of Will County
 Workforce Center of Will County
 2400 Glenwood Avenue, Joliet, IL
May 1, 2018
Minutes

Council Members					
Name	Present	Absent	Name	Present	Absent
Nancy Baldwin		X	Monica Lowe	X	
Colleen Brooks	X		Cheryl McCarthy	X	
Gloria Dollinger	X		Judy Mitchell		X
Susan Flessner		X	Marieta Pergi		X
Mike Hennessy		X	Keri Peter	X	
Mark Jepson		X	Michele Stipe	X	
Neal Kauffman	X		Ben Stortz		X
Elizabeth Kaufman	X		Pamela Thomas	X	
Staff and Guests					
Sue Davinger	Mary Gajcak		Caroline Portlock		

Welcome and Approval of Minutes

Stipe called the meeting to order. The minutes of the March 6th meeting were approved on a motion by Dollinger, seconded by Kaufman.

Youth Provider Events: Gajcak presented. WIB will add Will County to the Illinois Worknet Service Locator. Originated by the Champaign County Workforce, the Locator will provide a comprehensive list of all agencies that serve youth/families. A Site Information Form will be sent to all agencies in Will County and surrounding areas, and be made available on the WIB website. Once data is collected, an intern will enter data. The State of Illinois will contact all providers every six months to update data and keep information current. Portlock asked the Committee to refer her to agencies that serve youth.

Connect to Your Future youth program: Lowe reported that the 'Connect to Your Future' Program is waiting to hear about new federal funding allocations. Although funding allocations were raised nationally, Illinois received a reduction in funding.

Peter presented the Occupational Training report with examples of success stories gained. She noted that the Program is seeing the highest number of interns in their history (28 interns). The Joliet Junior College Nursing Program is extremely popular, and is looking to ways to raise qualifications for entry into the programs. The new Dean of the Program is working to create 'in-between programs (i.e.: physical therapy) with will allow for stackable credentials. Peter also referred to the successes of the automotive technicians programming, which consistently graduates students in two years.

Portlock announced that Joliet Junior College received the nod for continued provision of Youth Programming to for PY18. The evaluation committee's recommendation will go before the Will County Board in May, and the WIB on June 11th.

Portlock provided the schedule for JJC outreach via Information Sessions around Will County.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Youth Council will be July 3, 2018, at the Workforce Center of Will County, 2400 Glenwood, Joliet, at 7:30 am.