

Youth Council
 Workforce Investment Board of Will County
 Workforce Center of Will County
 2400 Glenwood Avenue, Joliet, IL
January 9, 2019
Minutes

Council Members					
Name	Present	Absent	Name	Present	Absent
Nancy Baldwin		X	Monica Lowe	X	
Gloria Dollinger	X		Cheryl McCarthy	X	
Susan Flessner	X		Marieta Pergi		X
Taryn Griffin	X		Keri Peter	X	
Mike Hennessy		X	Michele Smith		X
Neal Kauffman	X		Michele Stipe	X	
Elizabeth Kaufman	X		Ben Stortz	X	
Staff and Guests					
Mary Gajcak	Caroline Portlock	Dave Conterio			

Welcome and Approval of Minutes

McCarthy called the meeting to order. The Committee extended appreciation for McCarthy's dedicated service on the Youth Council and wished her well in her upcoming retirement. McCarthy will continue to serve on the WIB Board until June.

The minutes of the November 6, 2018 meeting were approved on a motion by Flessner, seconded by Stortz.

Connect to Your Future Program: Peter gave highlights of the HSE/Academic Skills Improvement program. There are more than 25 new students enrolling and beginning training in the next month. 'Word-of-Mouth remains a notable form of advertising and recruitment for students, drawing friends, associates and family members of former and present students. Internship has remained in focus, as Cody's recruitment efforts have passed to another staff member.

Lowe reported that 13 students have earned their GED through the Connect to Your Future Program (six added since printing of report). Students who enroll through the Connect to Your Future Program receive a greater number of services available to them.

Youth Provider Events/Activities:

Gajcak reported that planning for the next Youth Provider Workshop has been put on hold until the WIB staff has completed its move to new offices next month.

Portlock asked the Committee for recommendations of good resources to help reach older youth aged 21-24. Once they are out of high school, it becomes more difficult to reach them with opportunities for services available to them. Discussion ensued.

Next Meeting: The next quarterly meeting of the Youth Council will be April 10, 2019, at the Workforce Center of Will County, 2400 Glenwood, Joliet, at 7:30 am.