

Youth Council
 Workforce Investment Board of Will County
 Workforce Center of Will County
 2400 Glenwood Avenue, Joliet, IL
July 10, 2019
Minutes

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

Welcome and Approval of Minutes

Flessner called the meeting to order.

Minutes of the April 10, 2019 meeting were approved on a motion by Dollinger, seconded by Stortz.

Connect to Your Future Program:

Pergi 32 students obtained their GED in PY18. Sixteen WCWC students attended the Graduation Ceremony at Joliet Junior College. Eighteen transferred to Occupational Skills Training, and eleven are now in the pipeline.

The transition to TABE 11-12 is complete. Twenty eight TABE tests were completed last quarter. Testing is taking place at both JJC Department of Adult Education and Workforce Services.

Peter reported that a significant number of students are progressing through the Occupational Skills Training program; currently serving 224 in the fourth quarter, 232 total PY18. Fourteen students were transferred from GED. Patrick is working with local businesses to expand internship opportunities throughout the County. Internships commonly pay \$10-11.00 per hour.

Peter shared a success story concerning Aaron, referred by the Director of Disability Services. Aaron graduated from the GED program last year, took an internship at WCCCC, progressed through graduation, and has a goal to receive a bachelor's degree in Human services. Aaron spoke at the JJC Graduation Ceremony in June.

Youth Provider Events/Activities:

Portlock asked the Committee to watch for opportunities to partner with agencies that are presenting information workshops rather than hosting stand-alone events. Some topics that were recommended by the committee were: Gang Awareness, The Impact of the new Marijuana laws on workforce/youth, and the marijuana industry's impact on distribution in the County.

Next Meeting: The next quarterly meeting of the Youth Council will be October 9, 2019, at the Workforce Center of Will County, 2400 Glenwood, Joliet, at 7:30 am.