

Youth Council
February 10, 2015
4:00 p.m.
Mendota Police Department
Mendota, IL

Mission Statement

Northwest Central Illinois Works' mission is to work hand-in-hand with business, service, government, education and non-profit organizations to enable workers to work and businesses to compete.

Agenda

Call to Order

Roll Call

Approval of December 9, 2015 Meeting Minutes (Enclosed) (*Action Item*)

New Business

- ◆ Update of Career Preparation/Life Skills Program for the LaSalle Safe School (Sally Hanrahan)
- ◆ Discussion/Selection of location for the next Career Preparation/Life Skills Program
- ◆ Update on Current Youth Providers (Enclosed) (Sally Hanrahan)
- ◆ Work in the Real World Update (will be provided at meeting) (Sally Hanrahan)
- ◆ Changes Under WIOA with Youth (Enclosed) (Pam Furlan)
- ◆ Recommendation to Modify Current Providers Contract for an Additional 90-days (Pam Furlan) (*Action Item*)

Other Business

- ◆ Readers Needed for Request for Proposals

Public Comments

Adjournment

**Youth Council
Meeting Minutes
December 9, 2014**

Chairperson Teresa Strum called the Youth Council meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Roll call was taken.

Name	Present	Absent	Name	Present	Absent
Tera Armstrong		X	Terry Madsen		X
Ed Bochniak		X	Jon Mandrell		X
Jim Carlson		X	Jeanette Maurice		X
Kathy Day	X		Edna McManus		X
Emlee Dooley		X	Paula Rademacher	X	
Sally Hanrahan	X		Mary Stouffer		X
Linda Hessenberger		X	Teresa Strum	X	
Beth Hubbard	X		Lisa Tavitias	X	

OTHERS PRESENT: Pam Furlan, Jo Ann Johnson

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Sally Hanrahan motioned to approve the October 14, 2014 Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion as seconded by Lisa Tavitias and carried.

New Business

Update of Career Preparation/Life Skills Program for the Safe School

Sally informed members that she went to the Safe School in October and made a presentation on the various careers that the students selected in an earlier session. She said that the students discussed the occupations and wages associated with the types of careers they selected. Sally said that the students also discussed the levels of education that would be required for the occupations.

Pam informed members that Edna McManus will conduct the Choices Program in February or March (2015) as she was not able to present the program in November. Pam continued by saying that the staff is continuing to work on the employer panel. Pam informed members that she emailed the revised schedule to Jennifer at the Safe School.

As a follow-up, Pam informed members that members may want to talk about developing this program for other schools. Teresa commented that KSB Hospital offers the Choice program.

Update on Current Youth Providers

Sally disseminated the Youth Providers report and commented that all projects are operating satisfactorily.

Bridge – Streator Township High School

Planned Goal: 12

Number Enrolled: 7

High School Diploma's earned: 0

**Education Outreach Program – Whiteside County Regional Office of Education
PY 2014**

Planned Goal to serve: 125

Planned to carry forward into 2014-2015: 80

Planned New Enrollments: 45

Number Enrolled: 113, includes 94 carry-ins

New Enrollments: Whiteside: 15; Lee County: 2; and Ogle County: 4

GED Certificates earned from July 1, 2014 to present: 2

GED Certificates earned prior to July 1, 2014 by youth that were carried into the PY'14 year: 28

Sally stated that two students have received funding for Vocational Classroom Training.

Regional Work Study – LaSalle County Regional Office of Education

Planned Goal: 12

Number carried in: 4

New Number Enrolled: 8

Diplomas Earned: 1

Sally said that one diploma has been earned and will awarded in May 2015. She told members that one student has moved out of the area. Enrollment will continue as needed.

Step Ahead – Bureau County Regional Office of Education

Planned Goal: 10

Carried In: 5

New Number Enrolled: 5

Diplomas Earned: 2

Sally told members that two GEDs have been earned to date. She said that one student is enrolled in a work experience. Enrollment will continue as needed.

WIOA Update / Approval of new Youth Request for Proposal (RFP) Development

Pam provided members with a brief overview of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act noting that the Request for Proposal will need to be revised to incorporate the new definitions, performance measures and program design. Although there are still unanswered questions, Pam said that staff would like to continue with the same timeframe in releasing the Request for Proposals. Pam told members that

in the past, the Request for Proposals would be released in February and approved at the April Youth Council and May Workforce Investment Board meetings. She told members that the WIOA Draft Regulations should be released in January which will provide additional information for youth projects. In keeping with that schedule, Pam asked members for approval to redevelop the Request for Proposal and adhere to the schedule as outlined. Teresa motioned to allow staff to develop the Request for Proposal for Program Year 2015 as presented. Motion was seconded by Paula Rademacher and carried.

Other Business

Sally informed members that Work in the Real World was held on November 14 and it seemed to go very well. She said that 244 students attended with 41 presenters. She said that overall the evaluations from the presenters were positive. Sally said she will follow-up on the student evaluations.

Lisa informed members that the SVCC curriculum committee approved to pilot the GED Healthcare Bridge Program starting January 12, 2015. Lisa told members that the program will be a 16-week course and open for all students.

Lisa told members that SVCC is also considering team teaching between adult education and health care classes. She also mentioned that SVCC is considering a Manufacturing Bridge program in the future.

Teresa asked members for their input regarding the 2014 meeting schedule and asked if it was acceptable for most members. Teresa provided members with the 2015 meeting dates if they are to remain the same as 2014. After discussion, Teresa asked Jo Ann to conduct a poll of all members for their preferences in dates and times for Youth Council meetings.

Public Comments

None

Adjournment

With there being no further business, Sally Hanrahan motioned to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Beth Hubbard and carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Jo Ann Johnson