

**Youth Committee (Virtual)  
Meeting Minutes  
April 11, 2023**

The NCI Works Youth Committee Meeting was called to order by Chair Teresa Strum at 4:00 p.m. Roll call was taken.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Lyndsay Bliss		X	Beth Hubbard	X	
Jim Carlson	X		Aurora Medina		X
Emlee Dooley		X	Dwayne Mentgen	X	
Beth Dellatori			Sarah McFarlane	X	
Abby Farrell		X	Kris Noble	X	
Sally Hanrahan	X		Teresa Strum	X	

**Proxy:** Beth Dellatori to Sally Hanrahan

**Others Present:** Carrie Folken, Jo Ann Johnson

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Dwayne Mentgen motioned to approve the February 14, 2023 Meeting Minutes. Motion was seconded by Kris Noble. Roll Call vote was taken.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Lyndsay Bliss			Beth Hubbard	X	
Jim Carlson	X		Aurora Medina		
Emlee Dooley			Dwayne Mentgen	X	
Beth Dellatori	X		Sarah McFarlane	X	
Abby Farrell			Kris Noble	X	
Sally Hanrahan	X		Teresa Strum	X	

Motion carried.

**Business Meeting**

Update on Career Preparation/Life Skills Programs

Sally informed members that businesses have visited with students at the Safe School in Peru. She said that the businesses have talked with the students about skills needed, personalities and some really good tips about getting and keeping a job. Sally told members that Carus will be making a presentation this month and then the program will be done for the **year**. Teresa asked if an Employer Panel was part of the program. Sally said that this year it was suggested that additional employers be included instead of doing a panel. Sally said that it seems to have worked out well and the students are engaged with the presenters.

Update on the PY 23 Youth Providers

Sally referred members to the typed report included with the meeting materials. Sally said that overall, all programs are doing well. She said that it is nice to see that all three programs are incredible busy and starting to see an increase and numbers and successes within their respective programs. Sally hinted that Beth was waiting to hear if she hit a milestone today, but Beth was reluctant to say anything. However, after the meeting, Carrie emailed members of the Youth Committee to announce that Beth reached her 500<sup>th</sup> GED Graduate. Jim Carlson told members that his program has 22 GED graduates with another 7 planned before the end of the year. Jim did tell members that one of his instructors will be retiring at the end of the program.

Sarah McFarlane told members that the GED Program at Sauk Valley Community College is no longer taking new students until next year.

Review & Approval of PY 23 Youth Request to Extend Contracts

Carrie informed members that the three current providers submitted Request to Extend their Contracts through June 30, 2024. Carrie told members that we did not receive any Request for Proposals for new Youth Programs. Carrie told members that five individuals (Youth Committee members and BEST Staff members) reviewed each of the proposals and their information is provided on the Summary sheet included with the meeting materials.

**Bureau Henry Stark Regional Office of Education** – Carrie said that the readers have recommended to approve the contract extension based on contract negotiations. Teresa Strum motioned to approve the extension for Bureau Henry Stark Regional Office of Education based on contract negotiations. Motion was seconded by Sally Hanrahan. Roll Call vote was taken.

Name	Yes	No	Name	Yes	No
Lyndsay Bliss			Beth Hubbard	X	
Jim Carlson	X		Aurora Medina		
Emlee Dooley			Dwayne Mentgen	X	
Beth Dellatori	X		Sarah McFarlane	X	
Abby Farrell			Kris Noble	X	
Sally Hanrahan	X		Teresa Strum	X	

Motion carried.

**Regional Office of Education #35** – Carrie said that the raters did include a few comments but all recommended approval of the contract extension based on contract negotiations. Dwayne Mentgen motioned to approve the contract extension for Regional Office of Education #35 based on contract negotiations. Motion was seconded by Kris Nobel. Roll Call vote was taken.

Name	Yes	No	Name	Yes	No
Lyndsay Bliss			Beth Hubbard	X	
Jim Carlson			Aurora Medina		
Emlee Dooley			Dwayne Mentgen	X	
Beth Dellatori	X		Sarah McFarlane	X	
Abby Farrell			Kris Noble	X	
Sally Hanrahan	X		Teresa Strum	X	

Jim Carlson abstained from discussion and vote due to conflict of interest. Motion carried.

Regional Office of Education #47 – Carrie told members that raters indicated their recommendation to extend the contract for the Regional Office of Education #47 based on contract negotiations. Jim Carlson motioned to approve the extension with the Regional Office of Education #47 based on contract negotiations. Motion was seconded by Dwayne Mentgen. Roll Call vote was taken.

Name	Yes	No	Name	Yes	No
Lyndsay Bliss			Beth Hubbard		
Jim Carlson	X		Aurora Medina		
Emlee Dooley			Dwayne Mentgen	X	
Beth Dellatori	X		Sarah McFarlane	X	
Abby Farrell			Kris Noble	X	
Sally Hanrahan	X		Teresa Strum	X	

Beth Hubbard abstained from discussion and vote due to conflict of interest. Motion carried.

### **Other Business**

#### Member Updates

Sally reported that she and Kris Noble met with Dana at Sauk Valley Community College and started discussion about having the Work in Real World Program in the fall. Sally said that she is waiting to hear back from the college if it will be a possibility or not. Teresa said that she always enjoyed Work in the Real World and asked Sally to let her know if funds are needed and perhaps she could try to offset some of the costs.

Jim Carlson thanked Sally for her support with the program.

Carrie told members that there are two pieces of legislation on the Senate Floor that would allow for electronic meetings under the Open Meetings Act. She said that if members feel it is in the best interest of the Board/Committee to continue to meet virtually, members may contact their State Senators and refer to Senate Bill 1619 or Senate Bill 1537. Teresa thanked Carrie for the information and noted that since the Board and Committees have been able to meet electronic, attendance and participation has been great.

#### Public Comments

None

#### Adjournment

With there being no further business, Teresa Strum motioned to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Jim Carlson. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:27 p.m.

Jo Ann Johnson