

**Youth Committee (Virtual)
Meeting Minutes
August 13, 2024**

The NCI Works Youth Committee Meeting was called to order by Teresa Strum, Chair, at 4:02 p.m. Roll call was taken.

Name	Present	Absent	Name	Present	Absent
Jim Carlson		X	Terry McGuire	X	
Emlee Dooley		X	Dawn Roalson Zavada	X	
Sally Hanrahan	X		MaryAnn Rice	X	
Rob Lentz		X	Rhiannon Seible	X	
Sarah McFarlane	X		Teresa Strum	X	

Others Present: Carrie Folken, Jo Ann Johnson

Teresa Strum welcomed members and asked them to introduce themselves as new members were in attendance.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Terry McGuire motioned to approve the April 9, 2024 Meeting Minutes. Motion was seconded by Dawn Roalson Zavada. Roll Call was taken.

Name	Yes	No	Name	Yes	No
Jim Carlson			Terry McGuire	X	
Emlee Dooley			Dawn Roalson Zavada	X	
Sally Hanrahan	X		MaryAnn Rice	X	
Rob Lentz			Rhiannon Seible	X	
Sarah McFarlane	X		Teresa Strum	X	

Motion carried.

Business Meeting

Update on Career Preparation/Life Skills Programs

Sally provided an update on the career preparation life skills program, which had been successful in engaging students and preparing them for future careers. Sally said that the program will resume in October. Sally noted that Rob Lentz with Walmart DC and member of NCI Works has volunteered to make a presentation to the students this school year.

PY 23 Youth Providers Report

Sally provided with a summary of the PY 23 Youth Providers noting that all programs did a good job. She said that for the most part providers either met or exceeded their goals.

PY 24 Youth Providers Report

Sally provided members with an overview the PY 24 Youth Providers. She informed members that programs are just getting started since school is resuming.

Teresa commented that she liked the summary report that Sally included in her report. It was easier to read and understand.

Supplemental Funds Update

Carrie informed members that the Supplemental Grant ended June 30, 2024 and was very successful. She said that we were able to do some projects that we would not have been able to under with WIOA funds.

Carrie told members that BEST did receive a Supplemental Grant this year for \$ 246,597.00 which will be used for various initiatives. She was that this grant will include a six-week financial literacy program for youth, work-based learning to assist individuals in finding employment, and a professional development workshop on working with individuals who have attention deficit disorder, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder and/or autism in an education and workplace setting. Jo Ann asked members if they had any suggestions for speakers for the professional development workshop to let her know. Both Teresa and Dawn offered suggestions to Jo Ann.

Other Business

Member Updates

- Dawn shared that the Circuit Breaker School Program's name changed to SOAR. She said that a back to school bash is being planned in Streator.
- Teresa said that they will be getting VR goggles and laparoscopic similar that will be used in classrooms and shared the plans for the scholars program.
- Sally mentioned that BEST has VR goggles and discussed potential strategies for managing multiple users.
- Rhiannon shared about the first week of classes and her plans for student outreach in Ogle County.
- Sarah noted that they are still registered students for GED program at Sauk Valley Community College.
- MaryAnn shared about preparing continuing college students and new high school grants for the school year.

Next Meeting

Teresa informed members that the next Youth Committee meeting will be October 8, 2024.

Public Comments

None

Adjournment

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

Jo Ann Johnson