

Youth Council Meeting Minutes
2nd Floor Conference Room IGD, 19 Public Square, Suite 200, Belleville, 62220
3/21/2024

Attendees:

Larry McLean (Chair)
Barbara Cempura
Lisa Atkins

Staff:

Brenda Boggs
Sandy Billhartz
Cindy Layman

The meeting was called to order at 1:34 P.M. With no public comment on the agenda, a motion was requested to approve the July 13, 2023, meeting minutes. Lisa made the motion, and it was seconded by Larry. The minutes were unanimously approved.

PROVIDER UPDATES – Brenda went over the enrollment report, exits, and quarterly services report. There was some discussion on the lack of Youth participants in Clinton, Monroe, Randolph, and Washington County areas.

PERFORMANCE – IWDS Performance Management, Year-To-Date Manager’s Report. Brenda went over the numbers. Youth Employment Rate Q2 (YER2) and Youth Employment Rate Q4 (YER4) are currently in FAIL status. Actions occurring to try to bring those numbers up were discussed.

Brenda gave an overview of the Paid Work Experience’s (PWE’S). There are currently 21 youth enrolled in PWE with the potential of 5 more in the next month. There are 8 youth enrolled in training programs. Examples include: CDL at 160; Medical Assistant at CALC; Radiology at Kaskaskia, and Welding, Construction Management, and Culinary at SWIC. There are 2 youths in On-the-Job Training (OJT).

Potential new sites for PWE include: Secon Manufacturing in Red Bud, Randolph County Circuit Clerk’s office, and Steeleville City Hall.

Lisa shared that some changes in legislation have been discussed at other meetings she has attended regarding serving homeless youth. One is granting access to college to those who qualify for McKinley-Vento. Part of the legislation sets the expectation that the college or university will find housing for students when dorms need to be closed. Also, Charter schools can waive fees for McKinley-Vento eligible students.

Another piece of legislation indicates that those with housing vouchers cannot be refused based solely on the possession of the voucher. Unfortunately, there’s no enforcement of this yet.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:15 pm.