

## Youth Council Meeting Minutes

Zoom

01/30/2025

### Attendees:

Ken Keeney  
Larry McLean  
Amber Shields  
Lisa Atkins

### Staff:

Lee Reese  
Brenda Boggs  
Cindy Layman  
Sandy Billhartz

The meeting was called to order by Larry at 1:32 P.M. With no public comment on the agenda, a motion was requested to approve the September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024, meeting minutes. Ken made the motion, and it was seconded by Amber. The minutes were unanimously approved.

PERFORMANCE – Lee shared that all performance measures were normal for this time of the program year. Lee added that the measures had been re-negotiated and are slightly higher than last year. Brenda is very confident that all measures will be met by the program year's end.

PROVIDER UPDATES – Lee shared that numbers served are down slightly, but due to efforts to get better outcomes for the participants. More work-based learning for participants leading to better paying employment opportunities. There was discussion on reorganizing the Youth Council reports to better reflect the changes in services to youth. Brenda reviewed the contract training data showing the number enrolled and exited for SWIC and IGD Youth programs. Brenda discussed Youth One-the-Job training (OJT's) and Paid Work Experiences (PWE's) and an OJT success story.

Lee shared that the RFP for youth services providers is set to be placed for public view around the first week of February. Once the time period for submission was reached, the received proposals would be scored, and a recommendation for a youth provider contract would be made. Brenda gave a review of SWIC's YESS Program performance for the last year.

Brenda gave an update on the new Youth Career Specialist, Shanel Thomas, that was hired the first week of January and some in-house youth training for outer county Career Specialist in order to recruit more youth in the outer counties.

Brenda shared that our IGD Youth Career Specialist will be participating in an 8<sup>th</sup> grade career fair on February 14<sup>th</sup> at SWIC.

The meeting was adjourned by Larry at 1:52 pm.