



## Local Workforce Innovation Board of East Central Illinois Youth Committee

Date: Tuesday, August 14, 2018  
Time: 3 pm  
Place: Conference Room 1  
Illinois workNet™ Center  
1307 N. Mattis Av., Champaign, IL. 61821

Committee Chair: Dean Rose  
Members Present: Amanda Henegar (proxy for Nick Elder), Donna Kaufman, Jim Mayer, Kyle McKay (proxy for Cunningham Children's Home), Tawanna Nickens  
Members Absent: Michael Bryant, Angele Thibodeaux Burns, Marc Changnon, Gwen DuPree-Pryor,  
Staff Present: Lisa Knight, Linda McCoy  
Others Present: Gabriela Quijada

### MEETING MINUTES

- I. Call to Order, Roll Call  
Mr. Rose called the meeting to order at 3:05 pm and roll was called.
- II. Approval of the agenda  
**Ms. Nickens motioned, seconded by Mr. Mayer, to approve the agenda. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.**
- III. Audience participation  
Ms. Henegar shared information about Education for Employment's summer construction program. She stated, the program is very successful, including 17 participants, all earning OSHA certificates and High School credit.  
Ms. Quijada from the Youth Assessment Center (YAC) introduced herself and shared information about the Centers new location.
- IV. Minutes  
A. Youth Committee minutes – May 8, 2018  
**Ms. Kaufman motioned, seconded by Mr. Mayer, to approve the minutes from the May 8, 2018 meeting. Upon vote, the motion unanimously carried.**
- V. Action items  
There were no action items.
- VI. New Business  
A. Measurable Skills Gains – new requirements  
Ms. Knight drew attention to pages 4 through 10 of the meeting packet. She gave a brief explanation of what measurable Skills Gain (MSG) means and summarized the five types of MSG now allowed as a means of measuring a customer's progress. The measurement tool formerly known as Literacy and Numeracy Gains (LNG), is now a part of the more comprehensive MSG, and four additional types of MSGs have been approved to count toward the gains achieved. In addition to Educational Functional Level, DCEO has added Secondary Transcript/Report Card, Post-Secondary Transcript/Report Card, Skills Progression/Diploma, and Training Milestone.  
  
Ms. Knight also provided several informational pages, listing WIOA services and their definitions. The pages included: Tutoring, Paid and Unpaid Work Experience, Occupational Skills Training, Concurrent Conceptual Training, Leadership Development, Supportive Services, Follow-up Services, Guidance and Counseling, and Financial Literacy Education.



Each topic included an explanation of that service and an example of its use. The final page showed the measurable gain percentages for our six providers for 2017. Mr. Rose expressed his appreciation for such a labor intensive and impressive presentation.

Other informational fliers were distributed, showing, Services that provide Labor Market data and 2017-18 WIOA provider statistics for Graduation, GED, and Certifications earned.

B. On-the-Job Training (OJT) – branching out

Ms. Knight reported 8 OJT contracts so far this year, with 3 more area businesses coming onboard, including Carle, which has been prolific in training and hiring program youth. She shared, staff is still working to bring OSF (formerly Provena) into the program and is optimistic about the outcome.

VII. Information sharing and updates

Ms. Knight shared her involvement with the Local Area Network (LAN) and reported the WIOA youth program providers will be making presentations to that organization in an outreach effort to raise awareness and share information collectively.

Mr. Mayer shared his pleasure at seeing Carle participating in the Disability Expo last March, doing outreach and providing interview and resume' tips for those attending. He also announced a Transition Conference, sponsored by the Transition Planning Committee of Champaign County, scheduled to take place on November 29, 2018. All youth with disabilities, who are in their final two years of high school, are invited. Registrations will be offered through the Special Education departments at various high schools in Champaign County with materials being distributed to the schools by early October. Mr. Mayer also shared news about a Transitions Roundtable to be held sometime in early March of 2019. This event is aimed at parents and teachers in an effort to get information out to families who have a child or children with a disability about the assistance and services available to them. In conclusion, he updated the group on the 2019 Disability Expo, saying it will take place in the spring again next year and be held at the Vineyard church in Urbana.

Mr. Rose instigated discussion about the YAC. Ms. Quijada explained, The YAC serves as the primary center for intake, screening, and service connection for Champaign County youth and families. Case managers screen at-risk juveniles and link them and their families with the community's support and restorative services. Law enforcement personnel typically make referrals to the YAC as an alternative to prosecution and to prevent further delinquent activities. She described some of the services offered, adding they serve youth from age 10 to 17. In addition to law enforcement, they receive referrals from the states attorney's office, schools, and beginning recently, the community. The goal of the YAC is to connect youth with resources that help them to be resilient, resourceful, responsible, and restored to positive community involvement through prompt assessment, treatment/service recommendations, and follow-up.

VIII. Adjourn

There being no further business before the committee, Mr. Rose entertained a motion to adjourn.

**Ms. Kaufman motioned, seconded by Mr. Mayer, to adjourn. Upon vote, the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 3:35 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda McCoy,  
Recording secretary



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