

**YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**CareerSource Southwest Florida**  
**\*VIRTUAL AND IN-PERSON\***  
**April 19, 2023**  
**9 a.m.**

**MINUTES**

**Members Virtually Present:**

Kimberly Baker	Tim Goodman
Dr. Brad Myers	Vivian Watkins
Curtis Brown	Andrea Schaffer – In Person
Anthony Oakes	

**Members Absent:**

Aaron Stitt	B.J. Brundage
Rita Davis	Carl Stringer
Christine Sardina	

**Guests/Interested Parties:**

**Staff Present:**

Thais Kuoman, Staff Liaison

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Brad Myers, Chair, at 9:03 a.m., via TEAMS, and in person.

**II. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Dr. Brad Myers invited all those present to introduce themselves.

**III. APPROVE SEPTEMBER 19, 2022, MINUTES**

Andrea Schaffer made a **motion** to approve February 15, 2023, Youth Council Meeting Minutes, Anthony Oaks seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved by the Committee.

**IV. COMMITTEE SCHEDULE FY 22-23 AND FY 23-24**

Dr. Myers presented the FY 23-24 schedule for the Youth Committee. The schedule will be posted as follows.

**FY 23-24**

August 16, 2023, at 9 am  
October 18, 2023, at 9 am  
February 21, 2024, at 9 am  
April 17, 2024, at 9am  
The meetings will be held virtually and in person.

Vivian Watkins made a **motion** to approve the FY 23-24 dates: Dr. Brad Myers seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved by the Committee.

## **V. CAREER EXPLORATION EVENT**

In 2024 CareerSource will be adding the Summer Youth Employment Program for 300 eligible In-School Youth throughout our Southwest Florida Region. This is in addition to the Work Experience Program we currently have for our Out of School Youth and Destination Graduation students. To fulfill the need, it is suggested that we combine the career exploration event with a hiring event for youth. This event could take place in Lee, Collier, Charlotte, Hendry, Glades

- a. Ad-Hoc Meeting Schedule – 1st meeting will take place in November, then meeting to follow in January, February, and March
- b. Event Date – April 2024 having the events in April will align more possibilities for youth once they are out of school for summer.
- c. Event Locations – Central location in each county (easily accessible for youth)
- d. Budget – We will need approximately \$3000 for each Career Exploration event. May be less for the smaller counties.
- e. Sponsors – We will need approximately 6 - \$500 sponsors per county. \$250 for the smaller counties.
- f. Outreach – social media, PSAs, Radio, TV, word of mouth.

Discussion took place to also address food for the event, other possible locations, and targeted demographics. Youth Committee members will send Thais Kuoman any resources and contact information for the Career Exploration Ad-hoc Committee.

## **VI. OPEN DISCUSSION**

Thais Kuoman showed a short video of a work experience youth participant at CareerSource. [CareerSource Southwest Florida Work Experience participant](#)

## **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.