



CareerSource
SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

Youth Committee Meeting

August 16, 2023
9:00am

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AGENDA

CareerSource Southwest Florida
6800 Shoppes at Plantation Drive,
Fort Myers, FL
August 16, 2023
9 a.m.

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Introductions**
3. **Approval of April 19, 2023 Minutes**
4. **CSSWF - Youth Program Updates**
5. **Career Exploration/Summer Employment Planning**
6. **Open Discussion**
7. **Adjournment**



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YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETING
CareerSource Southwest Florida
VIRTUAL AND IN-PERSON
April 15, 2023
9 a.m.

MINUTES

Members Virtually Present:

Kimberly Baker
 Dr. Brad Myers
 Curtis Brown
 Anthony Oakes

Tim Goodman
 Vivian Watkins
 Andrea Schaffer – In Person

Members Absent:

Aaron Stitt
 Rita Davis
 Christine Sardina

B.J. Brundage
 Carl Stringer

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.

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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

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



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2023 Youth Work-Based Learning

In-School Youth (ISY)

- ✓ 109 In-School Youth worked from February 2023 – August 2023
- ✓ 34 Worksite Host
- ✓ Total of 27,276 hours of Learning for ISY

Out-of-School Youth (OSY)

- ✓ 24 Out-of-School Youth during the 2022-2023 Program Year.
- ✓ 15 Worksite Host
- ✓ Total of 4,241 hours of Learning for ISY

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Destination Graduation

- _____ Graduated
- Program Year 2022-2023 In-School Youth Incentives expenditures \$68,703.92
- Hendry and Glades Counties will continue to provide service for In-School Youth.
 - Up to 25 youths per High School, LaBelle, Clewiston, Moore Haven.



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Out-of-School Youth

PY 22-23

- 122 Participants enrolled in Occupational Skills Training
- \$430,979.95 in Training Cost
- 27 Demand Occupations

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Career Exploration Ad-Hoc Meeting

2024 Career Exploration Event Ad-Hoc Planning Committee

- Meeting Schedule
 - 1st meeting – Tues., Oct. 10, 2023 @ 10 am
 - 2nd meeting – Tues., Dec. 5, 2023 @ 10 am
 - 3rd meeting - Tues., Jan. 9, 2024 @ 10 am
 - 4th meeting – Tues., Feb. 13, 2024 @ 10 am



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TO:
FROM: Youth Committee Members
SUBJECT: 2024 Career Exploration Event
DATE: 8/16/2023

You are cordially invited...
Career Exploration Event Ad-Hoc Meeting

DATE: Tuesday, October 10, 2023

TIME: 10:00 am

WHERE: CareerSource Southwest Florida
6800 Shoppes at Plantation Dr.
Fort Myers, FL 33912
Or
Via TEAMS

Our Career Exploration events have been a huge success in the past years, and we want to continue to provide our youth with the experience of exploring different careers in Southwest Florida. This event will also give eligible Youth the opportunity to obtain paid work experience from various worksite hosts.

As always, it's your participation and engagement that makes the Career Exploration event a true community occasion and we look forward to your participation again this year.

Please RSVP to Lyntoria Thomas by October 3rd, 2023

Date of the event	March 2024 TBD by location
Location of Event	Lee, Collier, Hendry, Glades, Charlotte Venues TBD
Sponsors	CareerSource Southwest Florida Youth Committee
Businesses	Bill Welch CareerSource
Community Outreach	Ad-Hoc Committee

Coordinated by our Southwest Florida Communities



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Adjournment

Important Dates

Upcoming Meetings:

Board Meeting: Wed., September 13, 2023 @ 11:30 am (Awards)

Ad-Hoc Meeting: Tues., October 10, 2023 @ 10:00 am

Youth Committee Meetings: October 18, 2023 @ 9:00 a.m.

