

Youth Committee Meeting
CareerSource Southwest Florida
Virtual and In-Person
August 16, 2023
9:00 a.m.
Minutes

Members Present:

Dr. Brad Myers-Chair	Kimberly Baker-Virtual
Tim Goodman	Christine Sardina-Virtual
Andrea Schaffer-Virtual	Aaron Stitt-Virtual

Members Absent:

Curtis Brown	Rita Davis
Dr. Brian Granstra	Anthony Oakes
Carl Stringer	Vivan Watkins

Staff Present:

Thais Kuoman-Staff Liaison	Lyntoria Thomas
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I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Brad Myers at 9:02 a.m.

II. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Dr. Brad Myers and Thais Kuoman welcomed everyone. Lyntoria Thomas conducted role call and quorum was met.

III. Approval of April 19, 2023 Minutes

Andrea Schaffer made a motion to approve the April 19, 2023, meeting minutes, Christine Sardina seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved by the committee.

IV. CareerSource Southwest Florida Youth Program Updates

Thais Kuoman shared that the 2023 Youth Work-Based Learning Program had 109 in-school youth who participated in Work Experience employment between February 2023 and August 2023. There were 34 worksite hosts and a total of 27,276 hours of learning. In addition, there were also 24 out-of-school youth that participated during the 2022-2023 program year, 15 worksite hosts, and 4,241 hours of learning.

Thais explained that during the 2023-2024 program year, CareerSource Southwest Florida (CCSWF) will continue to phase out the Destination Graduation (DG) program in Lee, Collier, and Charlotte counties, but Glades and Hendry counties will continue to provide services for in-school youth to up to 25 youth per high school in Clewiston, Labelle, and Moore Haven.

V. Career Exploration and Summer Employment Planning

Thais Kuoman explained that the 2023-2024 program year will focus on work-based training activities for youth participants ages 14 to 24. Thais explained that CareerSource Southwest Florida (CCSWF) will be adding a summer youth employment program for eligible in-school youth throughout the Southwest Florida region.

Thais explained that to fulfill the need for work-based training activities for the youth participants, CCSWF plans to host Career Exploration and Summer Employment events in each of the five counties of Charlotte, Collier, Hendry, Glades, and Lee. Thais advised that there will be four regional ad-hoc meetings prior to the events. Thais will email meeting invites on Monday, August 28, 2023. The Career Exploration and Summer Employment Ad-Hoc meetings will be conducted in person and virtually.

Tuesday, October 10, 2023, at 10 am

Tuesday, December 5, 2023, at 10 am

Tuesday, January 9, 2024, at 10 am

Tuesday, February 13, 2024, at 10 am

VI. Open Discussion

Tim Goodman with Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida extended a free table to anyone who is participating in any of the upcoming job fairs in September. Tim advised the job fairs will take place in Labelle, Bonita Springs, and Naples.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:42 a.m.