

**Youth Committee Meeting
CareerSource Southwest Florida
In-Person and Virtual
April 17, 2024
10:00 a.m.
Minutes**

Members Present:

Dr. Brad Myers-Chair-Virtual
Christine Sardina

Tim Goodman
Carl Stringer

Members Absent:

Kimberly Baker
Dr. Brian Granstra
Andrea Schaffer
Vivian Watkins

Curtis Brown
Anthony Oakes
Anthony Stitt

Staff Present:

Thais Kuoman-Staff Liaison

Lyntoria Thomas

I. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Brad Myers called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

II. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Dr. Brad Myers and Thais Kuoman welcomed everyone. Quorum was met.

III. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 21, 2024 MEETING MINUTES

Christina Sardina made a motion to approve the February 21, 2024 meeting minutes.
Tim Goodman` seconded; the motion was unanimously approved by the committee.

IV. JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT INSPIRE EVENT

Thais Kuoman shared that the first Ad-Hoc meeting was held on 10/10/2023 and it was a good meeting! Thais explained that CareerSource Southwest Florida will be collaborating with Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida to put together a regional Aspire to Hire event. It will be a 3-day event designed to engage 8th-grade students in exploring different career opportunities in Southwest Florida. Thais explained that this year's event will also include 10th, 11th, and 12th graders from Charlotte, Collier, Hendry, Lee, and Glades Counties. CareerSource Southwest Florida will assist with recruiting businesses that are interested in hosting work experience students. Thais explained that by combining this event we will be able to reach out to more young adults.

Thais explained that the Aspire to Hire Event will take place April 9th -April 11th, 2024, from 9am-1pm with one of the nights open until 6pm and all ages will be able to attend. The Alico Arena located at 12181 FGCU Lake Pkwy E Fort Myers 33913 will house the event. Junior Achievement is working on the sponsorship packets and the budget. Thais emphasized that everyone will need to help with community outreach.

V. 2024-2025 MEETING SCHEDULE AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Thais explained it was time to set the 2024-2025 meeting schedule, goals and discuss current and potential new committee members. Thais advised they have lost some committee members and new potential members are recommended, attend a meeting as a guest, then are voted on. Thais would like the above items to be discussed at the next meeting. Thais provided the committee with the following tentative dates:

Wednesday August 21, 2024 at 10am
Wednesday October 16, 2024 at 10am
Wednesday February 19, 2025 at 10am
Wednesday April 16, 2025 at 10am

Dr. Brad Myers made a motion to adopt the tentative meeting date of August 21, 2024, at 10am; Carl Stringer seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.

VI. Open Discussion

Tim Goodman, Employer Relations Specialist for Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida shared there is an upcoming resources fair April 30, 2024, from 430pm to 630pm at Colonial Elementary School and May 9, 2024, from 10am to 2pm with a 9am meet and greet at North Fort Myers Noon Lions Club.

Thais Kuoman, Senior Program Manager for CareerSource Southwest Florida shared the enrollment for the Summer Youth Program for Employment opened to a 150 youth has started. Thais explained Hendry and Glades counties are already at capacity with 60 kids on the waiting list.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:28 a.m.