



CareerSource Heartland
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Youth Council Meeting
Wednesday, January 10, 2024 – 1:30 p.m.
MINUTES

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:32 p.m. by Gary Ritter, Council Chair. Mr. Ritter inquired if any Requests for Public Comment had been made and was advised that none had.

II. Introductions

Roll was called to identify and confirm committee members present in the room and those participating by phone. Staff and others present were identified. It was determined that quorum had been established. See end of minutes for all attendees.

III. Presentations:

A. 2023-24 Panther Youth Program Performance

Panther Youth Partner Program Coordinator Daniel (Mike) Davis presented the Program's PY 2023-24 year-to-date performance based on contract deliverables and available data. Mr. Davis reviewed performance for each measure. He indicated that the team is on track to meet, or exceed, all performance measures by the end of the program year. Ann Martin, CareerSource Heartland's Chief Programs Officer, added that based on her review of program participant data, the Program was serving those Youth determined to be at-risk and most-in-need.

Committee members commended Mr. Davis on the measures met to date. They questioned enrollment numbers. Mr. Davis stated that recruitment efforts have intensified, there are several individuals in various stages of the enrollment process, and new applications are coming in regularly. Discussion continued, surrounding concerns about the impact the measures that were not met have on the Board's quarterly grades (per the Reimagining Education and Career Help (REACH) Act). Mr. Davis assured the Committee that strategies have been developed and are already under way to ensure there is no negative impact on the Board's grades moving forward.

IV. Action Items:

A. None

V. Other

No other business was brought before the Youth Council.

VI. Adjourn

Council Chair, Gary Ritter, adjourned the meeting at 1:50 p.m.

Committee members present and participating: Gary Ritter (Chair), Leigh Ann Bellamy, Joshua Exendine, Christen Johnson, Christina Martin, Raymond Royce, Glenn West, Amanda Wilson

Committee members absent: Skylar Harrison, Deborah Mancini

Public attendance: Daniel (Mike) Davis

CSH staff present: Donna Doubleday, Ann Martin, Michele Arena, and Brian Mercurio