



CareerSource Heartland  
5901 US Hwy 27 South, Suite 1  
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**Youth Council Meeting**  
**Monday, October 13, 2025 – 9:00 a.m.**  
**MINUTES**

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:06 a.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 not been established. See end of minutes for all attendees.

**III. Presentations:**

**A. CareerSource Heartland Youth Program Performance to Date**

CareerSource Heartland Program Coordinator, Eddie Cuencas, provided a brief overview of the Youth Program at CareerSource Heartland (CSH), detailing the actions that have been taken to transition the currently enrolled youth from the previous provider to CSH's program. He shared activities that are occurring to keep youth and businesses engaged and participating. Mr. Cuencas also presented some achievement stories on youth currently and formerly enrolled in the program. He thanked the Committee and the Board for their guidance and ongoing support, adding that the program builds opportunities that create sustainable futures, strengthen families, and support the growth of this four-county region.

Committee member, Deborah Mancini, thanked Mr. Cuencas for being so committed to youth and community.

**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 9:30 a.m.

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**Committee members present and participating:** Gary Ritter (Chair), Leigh Ann Bellamy, Deborah Mancini, Katherine McAuley, Christina Martin

**Committee members absent:** Joshua Exendine, Christen Johnson, Emily Roesner, David Royal, Glenn West, Amanda Wilson

**Public attendance:** None

**CSH staff present:** Donna Doubleday, Ann Martin, Michele Arena, and Eddie Cuencas, Dana Davis

