



## **YOUTH JOB READINESS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

CareerSource Chipola Assessment Room  
4636 HWY 90 East, Suite E, Marianna, Florida  
January 17, 2018 at 11:00 AM (CT)

### **CALL TO ORDER**

A quorum was present and Jared Banta, Chair, called the meeting to order.

#### **The following committee members were present:**

Travis Ephriam, Arthur Obar, Donnie Read, Janice Sumner, Keith Sutton, Jared Banta

#### **The following committee members were absent:**

None

#### **Others present included:**

Richard Williams, Debby Wood, Lauren Morris, Lisa Wells (CSC Staff); Gabriella Guerrero, Angel Pope (youth program participants)

### **INTRODUCTION TO YOUTH SERVICES**

Prior to the meeting, committee members were sent information on the youth program, including eligibility information, the Atlas Youth Pre-Application and an overview of the work experience program. Staff reviewed these documents and answered questions. Following this, two students, currently participating in the youth program, related their personal stories and shared their ideas on how they felt that the board could better reach the youth in our communities. Following discussion, **Arthur Obar made the motion, Travis Ephriam seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to recommend to the board that youth participants, Gabriella Guerrero and Angel Pope receive a \$50.00 gift card for their participation in the meeting today and to cover transportation costs.**

### **YOUTH PROGRAM MOVING FORWARD**

There were many ideas discussed on different ways to reach the out-of-school youth. Following discussion, both committee members and staff agreed that the first step would be to schedule a meeting with individuals with the school system that could answer our questions regarding students dropping out and how to best get our information into their hands. The committee requested that the staff work to set up a meeting with the committee members and

representatives of area school systems to include possibly one school superintendent, guidance counselors and curriculum instructors. The requested multiple county representation, while holding the group down to a minimal number. Richard Williams stated that the staff would start working on setting up a meeting within the next few weeks.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Banta adjourned the meeting.