



CareerSource Tampa Bay Youth Development Committee Minutes

CareerSource Tampa Bay
8/14/2025 10:00 AM EDT

@ Hybrid; 9215 North Florida Avenue, Tampa, FL 33612

Committee Members

Present:

Belinthia Berry, Warren Brooks (remote), Esther Sanni (remote), Shawn McDonnell (remote), Kenneth Williams (remote), Jennifer McKenzie - John Howell's Proxy (remote), Dr. Rebecca Sarlo (remote), Chase Temple (remote), Orlando Temple (remote)

Absent:

John Howell, Brian Mann, Roy Sweatman, Russell Williams, and Ocea Wynn

CareerSource Tampa Bay Staff: Anna Munro (remote), Saleema Bennett, Kiani Bowman, Conchita Canty-Jones (remote), Dr. Byron Clayton (remote), Sheila Doyle (remote), Jason Druding, Leondra Foster, Keidrian Kunkel, Michelle Moeller (remote), Lysandra Montijo, Michelle Schultz (remote), Don Shepherd (remote), Tammy Stahlgren, April Torregiante

Hillsborough County Government: Jonathan Wolf (remote)

Others Present: Amelia Campbell, Paul Casebolt (remote), Jennifer McKenzie

I. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Welcome (Presenters: Esther Sanni)

Esther Matthew called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. There was a quorum present.

Jennifer McKenzie attended as proxy for Member John Howell, without voting privileges.

II. Public Comments (Presenters: Esther Sanni)

There were none.

III. Action Items/Discussion Items

- A. Approval of Minutes - February 4, 2025 Youth Development Committee Mtg. (Presenters: Esther Sanni)

Motion:

To approve the minutes of the February 4, 2025 Youth Development Committee Meeting

Motion moved by Belinthia Berry and motion seconded by Scott Brooks. Motion carried.

IV. Youth Initiative Planning Topics

A. My Journey Career Success Workshops (Presenters: Dr. Byron Clayton)

Dr. Clayton shared that the previous school year resulted in over 1,400 workshop completers, focusing on both Hillsborough County and the Department of Juvenile Justice.

The new Career Accelerator program attracted significant interest, with 52 of 54 participants completing it.

Plans are underway to expand programming into Pinellas County, and the Department of Juvenile Justice is interested in statewide implementation.

B. Summer PAYS and Summer Hires Program Update and Results (Presenters: Leondra Foster)

Summer Hires Program Update

The Summer Hires program saw significant achievements this year, including the introduction of immersive learning components and a 90% completion rate. 698 applications received, 381 applicants were enrolled, resulting in 229 youth participating in paid work experience and a 100% completion rate in career exploration.

The program also expanded its reach with 70 participating employers across 61 zip codes in Hillsborough County.

Please refer to the agenda packet for the entire report.

Action Items / Next Steps

- Collect feedback from Youth Leadership Academy for 2026 planning.
- Explore partnerships to expand summer and year-round programming.
- Ensure smooth transition between Pinellas and Hillsborough programs.
- Track retention rates and outcomes for program evaluation.

V. Information Item

A. WIOA Youth Q3 PY2425 Primary Indicators of Performance (Presenters: Don Shepherd)

Don Shepherd presented the WIOA Youth Q3 24-25 primary indicators, indicating that the program exceeded four out of five goals set by the Department of Labor. He mentioned that we met standards in the area of youth entering employment, which was just shy of 100%.

B. Strategic Planning and Next Steps for Youth Programming (Presenter: Keidrian Kunkel)

Keidrian Kunkel highlighted the focus on year-round planning to ensure youth engagement extends beyond paid work experience.

Emphasis on reaching disconnected youth across the Bay Area (approx. 27,000) through a variety of opportunities, including exposure to training providers, job placements, on-the-job training, and apprenticeships.

A new apprenticeship navigator has been hired and is located in Pinellas County to support the customers.

C. Youth Success Stories (Presenters: Leondra Foster)

Esther Sanni facilitated a discussion on success stories, focusing on a tour at BayCare organized by Sean Thornton and Adrian. Sean reported that 12 students were placed in work experience, with four students actively participating in the tour and demonstrating their knowledge of medical terminology.

The positive impact of the program was evident in the students' enthusiasm and the recognition they received from the staff.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:09 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Tammy Stahlgren, Executive Administrative Assistant.