



Region 9 Works Council

MEETING NOTES

September 25th, 2015, 10:00 AM- 12:00 PM

Held at Columbus Learning Center

Columbus, Indiana

- I. Call to Order
Meeting was called to order by Jan Holm, who filled in for Chris Lowery
- II. Members & Guests in Attendance: Jess Brand (Ivy Tech/CEC), Kurt Kegerreis (SE Workforce Board), Harold Wilson (Cummins), Nancy Narwold (SE Career Center), Stephanie Weber (EcO/CEC), Charlene Hall (Columbus Regional Health), John Loya (Columbus Regional Health), Jennifer O'Shea (DWD), Jan Holm (Batesville Tool & Die), Kathy Huffman (Madison Con. Schools), Barry Parkhurst (NTN Driveshaft), Craig Hartzler (IDDE), Rebecca Reeves (IDDE), Sue Smith (Ivy Tech), Dave Meier (IKORCC), & Melissa Miller (Honda Mfg of Indiana).
- III. Minutes from August meeting were approved.
- IV. Jennifer O'Shea had a few brief updates from the State. First was a reminder of the Skill Up Indiana Grant Letter of Intent deadline of Sept 30th. (Region 9's letter of intent has been submitted). A joint meeting was recently held between the State Workforce Innovation Council and Indiana Career Council. I was a great meeting with the Lieutenant Governor sharing the Career Council Overview and a presentation from the National Governor's Associate (NGA). In the grand scheme of things Indiana is ahead of the game and in good shape as we are already doing much of what is required by the new legislation. Additional details are available on the Career Council's web-site. Also, Jennifer will be attending the National Career Pathways conference in Dallas and has asked Chris Lowery from Region 9 to attend and share information on region 9 activities. Jennifer may be reaching out to members of our council as she prepares the materials.
- V. Kurt Kegerreis, with the Workforce Investment Board, shared an update on an upcoming meeting on Oct. 30th in Cincinnati between multiple WIBs in the Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky areas and Employers First organization. Kurt will send out the meeting details to Jennifer and Chris for distribution. The groups, who have been partnering and connecting for some time now, want to continue and leverage any advantages and synergy gained by working together across state lines. Kurt also shared the good news of the addition of another JAG program in the region. There was an opportunity for an AT&T Opportunity Grant that was awarded to Region 9 and as a result we were able to add a 5th JAG program this time in Lawrenceburg!! There was not funding for 100% of the cost but they were able to acquire the remainder through the City of Lawrenceburg.

- VI. Stephanie Weber with EcO15 provided updates on the newly created EcO15 networks. Updates were as follows:

Educational Attainment Network: Guiding team is in place and the group will focus on three primary areas; drop-out prevention, adult education & post secondary retention and completion. The team has formed a metrics dashboard to understand current state and any monitor any changes going forward. Their next meeting will be held Sept 25th.

Manufacturing Group Network: The Guiding Team has met and has identified the date of Nov 6 for the first large meeting to be held from 11-1pm with manufacturing and education representatives at Ivy Tech Batesville. During the meeting, key stakeholders will hear details of selected best practices in manufacturing and education work to learn programs and partnerships. Attendees will select those examples that they feel are the best from those presented. In addition, it is hoped that the sharing of these benchmark practices will inspire both manufacturers and educators to think “can I do this at my company or school?”, “how can I get involved?” etc. Project teams can then be formed and programs implemented accordingly. It was noted that this activity directly aligns to the Region 9 Strategic plan.

Health Care Network: Rhonda Savage is moving on from AHEC so the group is doing a big of “regroup”. Jeff Hart set up a meeting to talk things through. Our focus is to lend organization to both the supply and demand of health care profession. Future meetings will be held soon.

Stephanie also gave an update on the school career posters. Potential sponsors have been identified and they are just working to finalize the details on how the company logos should be placed and shown on the posters. The intent is to get the posters in the classrooms as soon as possible. The poster was shared at the DWD and everyone really liked it and had positive things to say.

- VII. Skill-Up Grant Update: As mentioned previously, Region 9’s letter of intent has been submitted to the state. Next we need to set dates and get our activities lined up to achieve the grant deadlines. More to come soon on next steps.

- VIII. Other Items:

Indiana Automotive Council/Conexus is holding a forum Oct. 15th at Subaru in West Lafayette entitled: The Future of The Indiana Automotive Industry. There is an open invite to state & local government leaders and well as educators and the industry reps to attend. Barry will send the meeting invite to Melissa for distribution.

The recent announcement of the two year paid Ivy Tech opportunity for Shelby County qualifying residents was shared and apparently a large portion of these monies were made available through the City of Shelbyville via the casino. This model is one to keep in mind as another creative way of improving Indiana’s education and future job opportunity outlook.

Madison Consolidated Schools. The plant simulation learning experience is going well, with the local companies strongly supporting the class and the students being highly engaged. The students will be making chicken grills and all students have been assigned a “job”. They have also confirmed their strategic plan. Tours will be starting in January and Kathy will update the group on tour details once they are available.

Dave Meier with IKORCC shared that the carpenters are trying to get a construction learning program started in southeastern Indiana region. Jennifer mentioned she took a tour of the IKORCC facility in Greenwood and was amazed.

Southeastern Career Center will be holding its Fearless Females career information event on Sept 30th.

Cummins recently attended the National Apprenticeship Program summit held by the Dept of Labor in Washington, DC. The Secretary of Commerce and VP Biden spoke. It was an amazing event with interesting breakout sessions. Many of the apprenticeship programs in Region 9 are similar to those benchmark practices that are starting to happen across the nation.

Time permitting in our October meeting, Barry will share some highlights of his “real life decisions” simulation/game that he is currently using at high school events.

- IX. Our next meeting will be held Friday, Oct 23th, 10:00-12:00 at NTN, 8251 S International Dr, Columbus, IN 47201. Barry suggested attendees add about 5 extra minutes as you will need to enter via the guard shack and provide a photo ID before driving to the Administration Building.