



Region 8 Works Council

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January 14, 2016

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Hoosier Hills Career Center
3070 Prow Road
Bloomington, IN 47404
Conference Room

Attendance

Present: David St. John (chair), Tom Kinzer (secretary), Alan Dafoe, Kimberly Frazier, Robert Hudson, Brenda Reetz, and David Stagnolia

Absent: Richard Bladen, Grant Echols, Kristy Fallon, Tabitha Freeman, John Goode, Doug Pittman

Guests: Brenda Duncan-Davis, director of Region 8 Industry Outreach Services; Marilyn Pitzulo, DWD; Kristi Mann, Conexus Indiana; Sophie Haywood, Greene Education Services; Christi McBride, Hoosier Hills Career Center; Joe Timbrook, Radius Indiana; John Corcoran, CCJ Region 8 Work Force Board; Robin Branch, Work One; and Katrinka Schroeder, Ivy Tech

Called to Order by David St. John, chair, at 5:05 p.m.

Introduction of new Works Council Liaison—Marilyn Pitzulo

David St. John introduced Marilyn Pitzulo, who then explained her combined role as DWD adult education field operations officer and new Region 8 Works Council liaison.

Motion to appoint new Secretary to Works Council

David St. John asked for a volunteer to replace Tom Kinzer as secretary. Kinzer will be retiring in May and will likely be replaced as Ivy Tech's representative at that time. The Works Council will formally appoint a new secretary at the February meeting.

Monthly report—Director, Industry Outreach and Director, Business Services

Brenda Davis and Robin Branch gave an extensive report on all of the activities involving the implementation grant. There was extensive discussion about making connections and among stakeholders in Region 8 and creating new and innovative pathways for students entering mid-skill-level careers. See the attached PowerPoint for more details.

SkillUp Indiana Grant Application Review

David St. John reported that the Southwest Central Indiana Regional Opportunity Initiative (ROI) submitted an application for the SkillUp Indiana Grant, potentially worth \$1.5 million for the 11-county region.

Recipients of the grant will be announced in February.

Lilly Endowment Grant to ROI

David St. John reminded members about the \$42 million Lilly Endowment grant awarded to the Southwest Central Indiana ROI recently. Joe Timbrook announced that there will be an information and celebration event tentatively in March. A formal announcement will be made when a date and place are set.

Next Meeting – February 11, 2016 at the Hoosier Hills Career Center in Bloomington.

Adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By Tom Kinzer, Secretary