



## Region 8 Works Council

### MINUTES

April 14, 2016

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

StoneGate Education Center  
Conference Room  
405 I Street  
Bedford, Indiana

#### Attendance:

**Present:** David St John (chair), Kimberly Frazier (secretary), Tom Kinzer, Robert Hudson, Tabitha Freeman(5)

**Absent:** Richard Bladen, Grant Echols, Kristy Fallon, John Goode, Doug Pittman, Brenda Reetz, Dave Stagnolia, Alan Dafoe (8)

**Guests:** Brenda Duncan Davis, Director of Region 8 Industry Outreach Services; Robin Branch, WorkOne; Todd Hurst, Director of Education and Workforce, ROI; Sophie Haywood, P-16; Joe Timbrook, Radius Indiana; Marilyn Pitzulo, DWD; Gene McCracken, StoneGate Arts & Education Center; Richard Rampley, WorkOne; Vonda Clay, Ivy Tech(9)

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

#### Round the Room Introductions

#### Overview of Lawrence County Workforce and Education Challenges and Initiatives at StoneGate Education Center

- Discussion on QMA Qualifications Cert/Class to be offered at StoneGate this fall.
- Focus on those with CNA Experience

#### Overview of Current ROI work and initial plan for SkillUp Round 2(Todd Hurst):

- ROI:
  - New update on unemployment...7.7% Lawrence County
  - Four of bottom 10 counties are in Radius region
  - SWCI team going through planning process to determine overarching goals & backing into projects; establishing best practices
  - Five Big Goals:
    - Staff sector specialist positions
    - Building Education staff
    - Occupational Needs Assessment; working with Thomas P Miller & Associates
    - Ivy Tech Graduation Coach program launch (5 positions, Competitive RFP Process)
    - Communication Strategy/New website

- SkillUp:
  - Not going back with same strategy as Round 1
  - Components will be WBL, IT with Employability Skills throughout
  - Direct Employers (Business Simulation @ Bloomfield High School)
  - PATH – Cook/WorkOne pilot program

### **CTE Summit Discussion**

- Discussed the labor intensive aspect of putting on this event. It was determined that in order to continue having this event, more volunteers will be needed for coordination as well as fundraising efforts.

**Meeting Adjourned** by David St John, chair, 6:30 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** May 12, 2016 at Ivy Tech Community College, Liberty Crossing Location, 2088 S. Liberty Drive, Bloomington, IN 47403