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## Future's Standing Committee Meeting Monday, September 18, 2017 – 10:00 am – 11:30 am

**Members Present:** Board Members present: Jeff Miller, IBEW; Dave Cornelius, IBEW;  
Other members present: Amy Goode, CEC Discover Partnership, Bob Wicker, PCEC, Deborah Pontzer, Congressman Thompson's Office; Fred Redden, CCCTC.

**Staff Present:** Pam Streich

**Topics Discussed:** High Priority Occupations, Regional and Local Plans, Next Gen Sector Partnerships, Workforce Regional and Local Plans, Business and Education Connect, Dream It Do It, What's So Cool About Manufacturing Video Contest, Strategic Innovation Grant, Tech Grant, North Central PA Building Trades Meeting.

### Meeting Summary:

**High Priority Occupations List – The final 2017 HPO list is available on the CWIA website.** The purpose of the HPO list he PA IDOL and HPO lists are two distinct products. HPOs have existed for more than a decade and were developed to target workforce investment funds into training efforts through Labor & Industry (L&I) and the PA CareerLink® offices. HPO lists identify occupations that are in-demand in an area, pay a family-sustaining wage, and that have evolving or emerging skill sets. These lists are produced for each of the local Workforce Development Areas. The PA IDOL, which is only available at the statewide level, is a new product designed to highlight a wider variety of careers that are in-demand but that do not have an oversupply of workers.

**Regional and Local Plans –** both plan as submitted to the state are available on our website at [www.workforcesolutionspa.com](http://www.workforcesolutionspa.com). They will be reviewed by the state and finalized by January 1, 2018.

**Next Gen Sector Partnerships –** Industry Partnerships are transitioning to Next Gen Sector Partnerships. Staff submitted applications to transition both our Manufacturing and Healthcare Industry Partnerships. The first round if awarded does not include any training funding.

**Business and Education Connect –** We received a Business and Education Partnership grant that is supporting our Career Counselors in Clearfield and Jefferson Counties and also awarded \$15,000 to the Potter County CEC and the CEC for Elk and Cameron Counties.

**Dream It Do It – What's So Cool About Manufacturing Video Contest (WSCM) –** The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual WSCM Video Contest will be held on March 13, 2018 at the Ridgway Area High School. The steering committee which is made up of multiple agencies is in the process of planning the event which includes the recruitment of schools, business and sponsorships. 15 schools are committed and we have received \$5,550 in sponsorships to date.

**Strategic Innovation Grant –** Staff applied for and was awarded a Strategic Innovation Grant. With this funding we have released a mini grant application to post-secondary training providers to submit a program that utilizes the Customer Centered Design methodology.

**Tech Grant –** The CCCTC was awarded a \$200,000 Equipment Grant from Labor and Industry to purchase equipment for their Precision Machine & Welding shops. Workforce Solutions assisted in the review of the grant and is the fiscal agent for this funding.

**Other Business:** North Central PA Building Trades Meeting – Jeff Miller invited us to attend this meeting on September 13. 15 workforce and economic development staff met with the business agencies from 13 trades to learn more about the Registered Apprenticeship opportunities as well as to discuss how we can collaborate. It was decided that the following initiatives would be implemented: 1) virtual career/job fair featuring all trades and their representatives; 2) videotaping interviews of all trades reps for use as Career Exploration tools and 3) compilation of a packet with one page overviews of each trade.

**Next Meeting:** December 18, 2017 at 10 am.

**Action Items for the WDB:** There are no recommendation for the board during this reporting period.