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Future's Standing Committee Meeting Tuesday, September 11, 2018 – 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Members Present: Board Members present: Jeff Miller, IBEW (chairperson), Dave Cornelius, IBEW, Keli Rounsville, ARG, George Salter, Keystone Automatic Technologies, Inc.

Other members present: Deborah Pontzer, Congressman Thompson's Office, Jill Martin-Rend, BC3, Amy Goode, Community Education Center for Elk and Cameron Counties

Staff Present: Colleen Precht, Pam Streich and Joe Royer

Topics Discussed: Provider Transition Update, Grant Activity: Teacher in the Workplace Grants, Business Education Partnership, Manufacturing Training to Careers Grant, Career Mentoring Grant, Next Generation; POWER; ENGAGE PA

Meeting Summary: Committee Purpose: To Explore opportunities that will assist the board in accomplishing its goals for the future; including grant opportunities; To ensure that Industry/Sector Partnerships, Business and Education Connect activities (regional) and other ideas as identified by the board are meeting the goals and objectives of the board; To provide quarterly reports on each activity to the board at each of the quarterly meetings and upon request of the board and To take a proactive position regarding company closings, acquisitions, bankruptcies and expansions.

Provider Transition Update – Subcontract is executed with ResCare; they are still trying to fill some positions but all in all things are moving along. ResCare has been good about identifying themselves as PA CareerLink staff – which the board required – this brings us one step closer to a seamless system – as seamless as possible.

Grant Activity: The following grants were applied for and awarded to Workforce Solutions: Teacher in the Workplace Grants totaling \$99,960, DCED Manufacturing Training to Career Grant totaling \$150,000, Business Education Partnership Grant totaling \$128,083.03, Grant applied for but have not heard of status yet include a Career Mentoring Grant partnering with the Institute for Educational Leadership (IEL) in the amount of \$120,000 and a POWER Grant as submitted to the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC), Clearfield County Foundation Grant and a St Marys United Way Grant. Grants that we are working on include Next Gen Partnership Grant and other PA SMART initiative opportunities that will be released in November or December of this year.

PA SLIP Internship Update – The program ended on August 31 and staff are currently working with employers to get the final invoices processed, are working on a final report for the state which will include pictures, outcomes and success stories.

3rd Annual What's So Cool About Manufacturing Video Contest – There are currently 15 school committed to this year's contest. The planning committee will meet next week.

Business Education Partnership (BEP) –The funding is used to support our Career Counselors in Clearfield and Jefferson Counties, the Community Education Center for Elk and Cameron Counties – DISCOVER partnership and the career mentoring initiative in Potter and McKean County led by the Potter County Education Council. Business and Education Connect Activities such as Educator in the Workplace, Career Cruises, Industry Days, etc. are taking place throughout the region. Member Amy Goode and Board Staff Colleen and Joe provide a brief status update of activities to date.

ENGAGE PA – Board staff are involved in the ENGAGE PA grant that was awarded to the North Central PA Planning and Development Commission – Pam Streich will participate on the leadership team as well as county task forces to assist in the implementation of the program.

Discussion regarding the Responsibilities of the Future's Committee: Jeff Miller asked how the Future's committee is addressing the responsibility of proactive position regarding company closings, acquisitions, bankruptcies and expansions. Discussion ensued and the committee agreed that we recommend to the board that this responsibility be removed from the Future's Committee.

Next Meeting – Tuesday, December 11, 2018 from 1:00 – 2:00 pm

Action Items for the WDB: The Future's Committee recommends the board remove the goal of addressing the responsibility of proactive position regarding company closings, acquisitions, bankruptcies and expansions from the responsibility of this committee.