



## Future's Committee Meeting

Tuesday, March 10, 2020 – 1:00 pm – 1:45 pm

**Members Present:** Scott McBride, PSU DuBois (board member), Jill Martin-Rend, BC3 at Brockway, Terry Hinton, Northern Regional College

**Staff Present:** Pam Streich, Colleen Prechtl, Aaron Herzing and Jocelyn Bash

**Topics Discussed** – Review of Committee Purpose, Grant Activity Update, What's So Cool Video Contest, Business and Education Partnership Activities, Career Pathways, Local and Regional Plan Modifications, ITAs and OJTs.

### **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; and to provide quarterly reports on each activity to the board at each of the quarterly meetings and upon request of the board.

**Grant Activity:** Pam provided an update on recent grant activity –We were awarded PA State Local Internship Program (PA SLIP) funding in the amount of \$430,720 (\$107,680 must be spent on internships by June 30, 2020 while the remaining will be spent on internships completed by August 28, 2020. With employer match the total project is nearly \$64,000. We were also awarded and Business Education Partnership (BEP) funding in the amount of \$191,498. A Teacher in the Workplace Modification for the project with the IU6 was approved this will take place in Clearfield and Jefferson Counties. Labor and Industry has not announced awards for the following grants: PA SMART Next Gen Sector Partnership Grants for 3 Partnerships – Manufacturing, Healthcare and Social Assistance and Building and Construction, PA SMART Registered and Registered Pre Apprenticeship Grants as well as a Teacher in the Workplace Grant in collaboration with the CEC and St Marys Area School District. The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) Mentoring Opportunities for Youth Initiative proposal we submitted in partnership with the Institute for Educational Leadership was awarded and we are currently working with Pentz Run as the project provider.

**4th Annual What's So Cool About Manufacturing Video Contest** – 11 schools committed- awards ceremony will be held on Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at the St. Marys Area High School. An update will be provided to the board at its meeting on April 1, 2020.

**Building Trades Project Update:** Students from the Digital Media Arts program at the Clearfield County CTC recently started production on a series of videos being created for Workforce Solutions for North Central Pennsylvania and the North Central PA Building and Construction Trades Council. Several videos will be made to promote career awareness about the different Building Trades available in the region. See attached press release.

**Business Education Partnership Activity** – A variety of activities continue to take place throughout the region. The partnership overall has served over 5,500 youth from preschool through high school with career cruises, job shadowing, career mentoring, hands on soft skills workshops, industry days, etc.

**New Business** – Scott McBride challenged the committee to identify areas where there may be gaps to ensure the Workforce Development Board is aware so that they can be addressed. Scott stated that these gaps could be in working with other industries and partners, occupations, business and industry connections- just about anything related to workforce. Discussion ensued. Talking points included the need for skilled workers in all industries, the need for agencies to collaborate on similar initiatives in particular the need to attract young people to our region as well as how we can create authentic pathways to ensure that there is a "systemic effort" of collaboration. Pam discussed the regional marketing initiative that is underway – more details will be shared once the award is made as well as the Career Pathways initiative that is being developed at this time. If members have additional input regarding workforce related gaps they are encouraged to share with the committee.

**Next Meetings - 2020**– Tuesdays –June 9, September 8 and December 8, 2020 from 1:00 – 2:00 pm

**Action Items for the WDB:** There are no action items for the board.

**Workforce Solutions collaborates with the CCCTC  
and the North Central PA Building and Construction Trades Council**

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Digital Media AM students Morgan Gomola, Emma Geyer, and Tessa Switala monitor the audio, video, and lighting as they interview Robert Allen for the video about the Iron Workers Union.

