

Future's Committee Meeting

Tuesday, December 8, 2020 – 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Members Present: Jeff Miller, IBEW (Board Member and Chairperson), Dave Miller, Miller Fabrication Solutions (Board Member) Scott McBride, PSU DuBois (board member), Jill Martin-Rend, BC3 at Brockway, Matt LaVerde, IU6, Amy Goode, CEC, Bob Wicker, PCEC

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

Topics Discussed – Review of Committee Purpose, Grant Activity Update, Business and Education Partnership Activities, Teacher in the Workplace, Next Gen Sector Partnerships, Registered Apprenticeships and Registered Pre Apprenticeships, Marketing Website, Local and Regional Plans

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: Many extensions on current grants have been approved. Workforce Solutions was not successful in the submission of the WORC grant that we submitted a proposal for, the PA SLIP program was a success. A proposal for the Manufacturing Training to Careers Grant through DCED is currently being worked on.

Business Education Partnership(BEP) and Teacher in the Workplace (TIW) Activity– A variety of activities continue to take place throughout the region. The partnership overall has served over 5,700 youth from preschool through high school with all activities being offered virtual at this time. A virtual TIW project was held in November with 65 Teachers from throughout the region participating. 8 business leaders also participated in the event including Jeff Miller, board member.

Next Gen Partnerships – Our next gen partnerships (Manufacturing, Healthcare and Social Assistance and Building and Construction continue to meet virtually, with guest speakers and presentations being provided during meetings on topics identified by employers, flyers have been developed to increase awareness of the partnerships as well.

Registered Apprenticeships (RA) and Registered Pre Apprenticeships (PRE RA) - Several RAs have been approved in our region including Alpha Precision Group (APG) and Ardagh Glass and several additional applications are being worked by other companies. Ridgway ASD has an approved Pre RA and will be working with APG to implement in the future. Also important to note – we are the first region in the commonwealth to award WIOA funding through the PA CL for apprentices in the LPN RA at Christ the King Manor with Jeff Tech as the Related Technical Instruction provider.

Marketing Initiative – Work continues with Mary and Ferrari on the development of a website that will recruit and retain residents to work, live and discover North Central PA. An award for the appropriate video production has been made to Vort Media, LLC from Reynoldsville PA.

Local and Regional WIOA Strategic Workforce Plans – Directive from Labor and Industry was received letting us know that our local and regional workforce plans are due by April 2, 2021. Business for the plans will be taken through the Future's Committee to the board. We will be asking for public input at 2 virtual meetings in January – the 12th 1-2:30 and the 14th 9-10:30) Pam will send the future's committee agendas for those meetings once they are ready and will ask committee members for their assistance in facilitating the meetings. The plans will also be discussed during the board meeting on January 6, 2020.

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

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