



Region 9 Works Council

MEETING NOTES

December 18, 2015, 10:00 AM- 12:00 AM

Held at Batesville Tool & Die

Batesville, Indiana

- I. Meeting was called to order by Chris Lowery
- II. Members in attendance: Chris Lowery, Sue Smith, Barry Parkhurst, Kathy Huffman, Brad Street, Rebecca Reeves, Melissa Miller & Jan Holm
- III. Guests in attendance: Jennifer O'Shea (DWD), Kurt Kegerreis (WIB)
- IV. Minutes from the November meeting were approved.
- V. As dates were considered for the 2016 meetings, we discovered the Friday meetings interfered with some members' commitments with other organizations. To avoid these conflicts, we chose to change the meeting day to the 4th Thursday of each month except for November and December due to holidays. If you see your organization listed as a meeting host, be sure to make facility reservations. For the meetings at the Career Center, please schedule time to stay after the meeting as they will be hosting lunch. Jennifer O'Shea volunteered to send meeting invitations to all members. For the record, below is the schedule for 2016 with 10:00 - 12:00 as the meeting time:
 - 01/28/16 NTN Driveshaft
 - 02/25/16 Southeastern Career Center
 - 03/24/16 Honda
 - 04/28/16 Ivy Tech in Madison
 - 05/26/16 Batesville Tool & Die
 - 06/23/16 Ivy Tech in Lawrenceburg (Downtown)
 - 07/28/16 CEC at Columbus Learning Center
 - 08/25/16 Cummins at the Seymour facility
 - 09/22/16 Columbus Regional Health
 - 10/27/16 Southeastern Career Center
 - 11/17/16 Ivy Tech in Lawrenceburg (Waterfront)
 - 12/15/16 Madison (Location to be determined)
- VI. Brad Street presented a request from Cindy Frey who is the Director of the Walker Career Center on behalf of the Awards for Excellence program. This program recognizes CTE student throughout the State as selected by IACTED/DWD. They would like the Works Council's support in promoting the program, finding candidates, and judging for recipients. The motion that the Works Council will participate was seconded and passed by vote. Jennifer O'Shea will send information to everyone. Kurt Kegerreis offered the WIB office to provide any needed social media support.

- VII. Skills Up grant for Region 9 was submitted on December 16th. Our region was the first to submit a proposal and it appears the State viewed the structure and content favorably. Though one proposal, it is comprised of 14 projects, The proposal will be shared once the submission deadline has passed. Congratulations to Kathy Oren, Stephanie Weber, and Kathy Huffman for pulling the proposal together. With the combined guidance of the WIB, EcO15, and Works Council, plus the work of the new regional networks, the timing was a good fit for our region.
- VIII. Updates by State and Regional Partners (DWD, WIB, EcO15, AHEC, etc.)
- a. Jennifer O'Shea reported the State received \$100,000 (one of 6 states) from the Governor's Association. A group is looking at "work and learn" programs around the State to scale work-based learning. Being selected should be consider a point of pride for the State regarding its progress in workforce development initiatives.
 - b. Chris Lowery mentioned that for our region, the Conexus Internship program is targeted for 50 internships. We will hit that target. The program plans on 200 internships statewide, but due to other regions not being able to accommodate enough internships, Conexus may direct an additional 10 to our region.
 - c. Melissa Miller mentioned that Honda is going to build a new training facility.
 - d. The Honda/Chamber partnership is planning an all-day orientation program for Decatur County counselors/educators to be held in June. Covering most careers, Honda associates will explain their work, plant tours will given, etc. Funded by a grant, one of the goals is to keep kids in the area. Brad Street mentioned what happens in Bartholomew County where students and educators are progressively exposed to careers events throughout high school can lead up to externships. The Works Council is offering support and asking if this can be replicated in the region.
 - e. Brad Street requested time in a future meeting to present the Career Center's early college and certificate programs.
 - f. Kurt Kegerreis gave a summary of a proposed WIB project where they intend to survey all high schools in the region to find out what student career planning the schools are doing and whether they need any help developing programs. The goal is to get resumes from all students who plan or are interested in going to work right after school and then share their resumes with employers.
 - g. A general Work Councils discussion on its role of how it can push/promote ideas to other locations in the region in a mode of "now". Should we consider something online where all can see, share, and promote what is going on in the region? Building relationships and connections through the "network model" is important. Can we execute through sub-regions? Event calendars help with long term planning and coordination.
- IX. Network updates - Leaders
- a. Educational Attainment - No updates
 - b. Manufacturing sector - No updates
 - c. Health Care sector - No updates
- X. Other business:
- a. After serving as secretary of the Works Council for over two years, Melissa Miller has stepped down from that role and she looks forward to a more active participation in future meetings. Jan Holm has agreed take on the secretary role.
 - b. Kathy Huffman has taken a new position as the EcO Network Manager supporting the EcO Attainment Network. Her e-mail is khuffman@eco15.org.

- c. Indiana First, a group promoting inspiration and recognition of science and technology through such activities as team competitions including robotics, asked to share their program with the Works Council - the January or February meeting.
- XI. Meeting was adjourned by Chris Lowery. Our next meeting will be held January 28th, 10:00 - 12:00 at NTN in Columbus.