



## **Region 10 Works Council**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**September 3, 2015**

**Prosser Career Education Center, New Albany**

Minutes Submitted by: Andrew Takami

Minutes Submitted to: Region 10 Works Council

**Members Present:** Paul Perkins (Chair), Tami Hatfield, Ted Huber, Kent Lanum, Ron McKulick, Dr. Andy Melin, Joe Pearson, Andrew Takami, and Alan Taylor.

**Others Present:** John Dattilo (Career Pathways, Prosser Career Education Center), Michael Denny (Greater Clark County Schools, GCCS), Dr. Steve Griffin (Greater Clark County Schools, GCCS), and Jennifer O'Shea (Department of Workforce Development).

#### **I. Call to Order & Welcome**

Paul Perkins, chair of the Region 10 Works Council, called the meeting to order – at approximately 3:30 p.m. at the Prosser Career Education Center in New Albany.

#### **II. Roll Call & Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Perkins began the meeting with a roll call. He then asked for the minutes from the last meeting to be reviewed and approved. The Council approved the meeting minutes after taking several minutes to review. Joe Pearson made the motion and Kent Lanum seconded it.

#### **III. Skill Up Grant Program – Jennifer O'Shea**

How are we going to help regions meet the needs that exist? This was the question given by Jennifer O'Shea. Ms. O'Shea talked about the \$11 million amount that is available to assist communities across the state through the Skill Up grant program.

Ms. O'Shea said there will be a grant program webinar on Friday, September 11, which will help Council members better understand what parameters are needed in order to be successful with a future grant submission.

Ron McKulick asked about the caps for the grant requests. "There is no ceiling," Ms. O'Shea said. Mr. Perkins asked if there is willingness for each region to be funded if requests are made. Ms. O'Shea said it was more about regions creating "great plans."

Dr. Melin said a plan for us forward, in his view, is to consider Project Lead The Way as part of a plan. He said it would be great for K-12 and there are already connections for PLTW with Purdue. He also said it is also good because of the integration of PLTW with businesses.

Dr. Melin said a PLTW focus could help many of the school districts in the region, which includes a direct impact on Prosser Career Education Center.

Mr. Perkins mentioned how he would like to see the Work Ethics Certification added into the plan. Dr. Melin said we could take a component of that program and place it into the plan.

Mr. Perkins mentioned that the main areas for employment in the region are health and manufacturing. Council members then began discussing.

Mr. McKulick mentioned how he feels it would be important to consider an industry-led partnership between current and future workers – students in high school and, also, professionals in the various fields.

There were some discussions surrounding what would K-12 and higher educational institutions need in order to better coordinate learning across the spectrum. There were discussions about logistics, as Purdue Polytechnic New Albany is launching new degrees in Region 10.

There was a lot of discussion surrounding partners for the proposals, as things are brought together. Dr. Melin shared how he plans to prepare a proposal for CGGS.

#### **IV. Region 10 Works Council Action Plan – John Dattilo & Alan Taylor**

John Dattilo and Alan Taylor shared the updated version of the Region 10 Action Plan.

Mr. Dattilo asked if the Council would like to develop a multi-faceted video as had been discussed prior. Mr. Taylor mentioned how awareness is part of the overall plan. He said a video – and counselor visits – is important. Council members agreed.

Mr. Dattilo talked about the places he has visited and, also, asked the Council for additional places he should consider visiting. The Council seemed pleased with his work. Paul thanked him.

Michel Denny went through the Region 10 Action Plan and reported various items that correspond to movement and results. He had some nice/informative handouts, which he shared.

#### **V. Next Steps & Meeting Dates**

The next meeting of the Council was set for Thursday, October 8, 2015 – at the Prosser Career Education Center. The starting time was set for 3:30 p.m.

#### **VI. Adjournment**

The September 3, 2015, meeting of the Council was adjourned at approximately 5:00 p.m.