



Region 2 Works Council

MEETING AGENDA

June 20, 2016

1:00 – 2:00 PM

**St. Joseph County Chamber of Commerce
101 N Michigan St #300
South Bend, IN 46601**

I. Call to Order and Welcome

Meeting was called to order by Natalie Wenzler. Last meeting was held in September 2015 and no meeting minutes needed approval.

Region 2 Works Council members present: Lisa Dercach (IDOE), Kate Lee (St. Joseph County Chamber of Commerce), Amish Shah (Kem Krest), Dan Tyree (Plymouth Community School Corporation), and Brian Wiebe (Horizon Education Alliance).

Guests present: Natalie Wenzler (DWD), Charles Reeves (DWD), Manessah Nelson (Junior Achievement & Lemonade Day Elkhart)

II. Introduction: Natalie Wenzler, Associate Director of Employer Engagement and the Region 2 Works Council Liaison

Introduction of Natalie Wenzler, DWD, provided overview of her background and role as the Region 2 Works Council liaison. Joined was Charles "Ricky" Reeves that also stated his background and enthusiasm for the work around the state and region 2.

III. Regional Career Pathways System Discussion

Brian Wiebe (Horizon Educational Alliance) led the discussion on the topic of the regional careers pathway system development. The NC3T framework was referred to as a model to incorporate cross-sector partnerships, career exploration and planning, pathway programs of study, dynamic teaching and

learning, and employer and community engagement. The IN-PIN Study Visit is in Columbus, IN this Thursday, June 23 that a group is attending from the region.

Discussion around how the works council creation has led the thought process of developing sector partnerships and collaboration. Additional industry participation on the works council was proposed and agreed that there is meaningful work for industry to stay engaged. Continued conversations with employers to understand their need, business and education partnerships, and having career centers to connect information were critical elements discussed.

IV. Innovative Work-and-Learn Grant Application Announcement

Natalie Wenzler (DWD) provided a brief overview and one page document of the Innovative Work-and-Learn Grant opportunity available to Regional Works Councils with up to \$40,000 available for each region. Applications are due July 1, 2016 and there is a private match component. More information and the grant guidelines can be found at: <http://www.in.gov/irwc/2726.htm>

V. Region 2 Works Council Next Steps

Group discussion around the next steps for the Region 2 Works Council began with the reflection of past conversations since the last meeting and individual conversations between the members. The idea of developing more tangible next steps and a plan for the group was proposed. Other works council projects and activity was shared as a baseline for brainstorming of what work made sense for the group.

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, August 2, 2016 at 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm at the same location (St. Joseph County Chamber of Commerce, 101 N Michigan St #300, South Bend, IN 46601).

VI. Adjourn