



## **Region 6 Works Council**

### **MEETING MINUTES**

**February 18, 2016**

**2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**Towne Square Community Center**

**123 W Franklin St**

**Winchester, IN 47394**

I. Call to Order and Welcome

II. Roll Call

Members Present: Tim Conley, Greg Hinshaw, Jeremy Gulley, Bonnie Willey, Mike Wickersham, Kathy McCarty, Jud Motsenbocker, Bill Bradley, Mike Row, Rusty Hensley, Jim Hiester, Sam Snideman

Members Absent: Rhonda Everhart, Kirk Robbins, Rick Barnett

Guests: Jennifer O'Shea, Wes Wood, Ben Hebbe, Liz Walker, Zach Smith, Carolyn Foster

III. Approval of Council Meeting Minutes from September & October Meeting. Motion by Mike and Greg and approved unanimously.

IV. Commissioner for Higher Education's You Can. Go Back. Initiative, Liz Walker and Zach Smith, CHE

This is the first time they have targeted adults. Currently 35% meet the credential. The goal is to get 200,000 to go back and complete a credential. Focus groups showed a sense of accomplishment is important to them. The commission is reaching out and offering scholarships. They have a college match website for adults that gives a list of matching programs. They need help from employers to support employees and serve as partners. They targeted those who have been out 10 years or fewer. There is an ambassador for this program at every institution. Companies have a hard time getting employees to take advantage of college reimbursement. Learn More has a list of distance education programs.

- V. Action Plan Update, Jeremy Gulley, Jay School Corporation  
Jeremy shared an update on summer internships with the assistance of Conexus. They are examining the long term impact of dual credit in terms of degree completion. For parents, he is working on information pieces that detail exactly what students can earn at high school and what they have left to take to complete a credential or degree. He will be asking companies to help with quotes for the brochures.  
Jay County Promise is now 4<sup>th</sup> in the state for the percentage of students with a 529 account.  
The challenge to our council is to post actions toward our goals or send them to Jeremy.  
Conexus will keep us updated on summer internships.
- VI. Region 6 Workforce Board Organization and Personnel Updates, Mike Row, Alliance for Strategic Growth, Inc. Mike shared updates on savings at his organization.
- VII. We agreed to meet quarterly. The next meeting will be April 21 at 2.00 PM.
- VIII. Adjournment - Motion by Tim and Jud. Adjourned at 2:56.