



## Region 8 Works Council

### MINUTES

February 11, 2016

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Hoosier Hills Career Center  
3070 Prow Road  
Bloomington, IN 47404  
Conference Room

#### Attendance:

**Present:** David St John (chair), Kimberly Frazier (secretary), Tom Kinzer, Alan Dafoe, Brenda Reetz, Dave Stagnolia, Tabitha Freeman (7)

**Absent:** Richard Bladen, Grant Echols, Kristy Fallon, John Goode, Doug Pittman, Robert Hudson (6)

**Guests:** Brenda Duncan Davis, Director of Region 8 Industry Outreach Services; Robin Branch, WorkOne; Todd Hurst, Director of Education and Workforce, ROI; Richard Rampley, WorkOne; Sarah Ancel, Commission for Higher Education; Joe Timbrook, Radius Indiana; Kristi Mann, Conexus; Christ Enstrom, Commission for Higher Education; Marilyn Pitzulo, DWD; Christi McBride, Hoosier Hills Career Center (10)

**Called to Order** by David St John, chair, 5:05 p.m.

#### Round the Room Introductions

**You Can. Go Back. Presentation** by Sarah Ancel (Flyer Attached)

- Goal is to encourage adults to complete degree or certification
- Phased Approach
  - Phase 1: Modeling; Goal as a state to have % of adult workers with beyond high school education (Any industry recognized credential)
  - Phase 2: Direct Outreach to former students
  - Phase 3: Employer and Community Engagement
- <http://youcangoback.com/DM>

**Update on ROI: Todd Hurst, Director, Education and Workforce, ROI.**

- 11 county region came together on SWCI Strategic Plan/Lilly Endowment with Education and Workforce component
- 5 years under grant to focus on 3 sectors:
  - Life Sciences
  - National Security and Defense
  - Advanced Manufacturing
- Hiring Sector Specialists (hopefully from within the sector itself)
- Flesh out sector strategy/partnerships, creating formal organization to interface with and bring together industry partners and facilitate alignment of varying points of view into a cohesive strategy
  - Priorities and Objectives Development
- Ultimate goal to build up self-sustaining strategies
- Education Strategy:
  - Fostering innovation in schools
  - Pre-K thru Adult
  - Help individuals and institutions align with what ROI learns from industry
  - College/Career Coaches through Ivy Tech
  - STEM Initiatives
  - After School resources.
- Informational Meeting to be held on March 4, 2016 at the WestGate Academy

**Motion to Appoint Kimberly Frazier as secretary approved**

**Monthly Report: Brenda Davis, Director, Industry Outreach for Region 8 (PPT attached)**

- **Brenda Davis and Robin Branch reported on activities, including visits to French Lick Resort, Organized Living, and Cook Medical.**
- **PowerPoint presentation and copies of VETS program and surveys attached.**

**Next Meeting:** March 10, 2016 at the Hoosier Hills Career Center in Bloomington