



Region 8 Works Council

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June 09, 2016
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Greene County General Hospital
1185 N. 1000 W,
Linton, IN (812-847-2281)
Conference Room

Attendance:

Present: Brenda Reetz, Robert Hudson , Alan Dafoe (3)

Absent: David St John (chair), Kimberly Frazier (secretary), Richard Bladen, Grant Echols, Kristy Fallon, John Goode, Doug Pittman, Tom Kinzer, Dave Stagnolia, Tabitha Freeman (10)

Guests: Natalie Wenzler, DWD; Susan Garcia, Ivy Tech; Chris Westfall, VU; Shanni Simmons, VU; Brenda Duncan Davis, Director of Region 8 Industry Outreach Services; Robin Branch, WorkOne; Todd Hurst, ROI; Richard Rampley, WorkOne, Rob Moore, MCCSC; Katrinka Schroeder, Ivy Tech (10)

I. Call to Order and Welcome—Brenda Reetz

II. Introduction: Natalie Wenzler, Associate Director of Employer Engagement and the Region 8 Works Council Liaison

Natalie Wenzler introduced herself as our newly appointed Works Council liaison and shared some of her background and current DWD responsibilities with us.

III. ROI Update: Todd Hurst, Director Workforce Development and Education, ROI.

Todd Hurst shared with the group that ROI, in partnership with Ivy Tech Community College - Bloomington, is launching a pilot graduation and career coaching program at the following school corporations: (Salem, Washington, Crawford County, Spenser Owen, Loogootee and Bloomfield. This is the first in a series of education and workforce initiatives that will be implemented in our region. The graduation and career coaching program will focus on improving graduation rates and preparing students for pathways into technical certifications, associate degrees, and other postsecondary degree programs.

Todd Hurst also discussed the plan for ROI to have an Occupational Needs Assessment, (ONA), completed by the end of July. The ONA will be developed by Thomas P Miller and

Associates. Manufacturing companies of various sizes and diverse product offerings will be interviewed to identify pain-points and skills-gaps that are impeding their workforce requirements and potential growth.

IV. Innovative Work-and-Learn Grant Application Announcement

Natalie Wenzler reminded the group that the deadline for the Innovation Work and Learn Grant is the 1st of July. Alan Dafoe made a motion for the Works Council to develop a sub-committee to address this initiative and Rob Hudson seconded the motion. Brenda Duncan-Davis was identified as the Chair for this effort. Rob Hudson, Robin Branch, Rob Moore and Susan Garcia volunteered to assist with developing a proposal for this \$40,000 grant that can be awarded to the Region 8 Works Council.

V. TechPoint Foundation for Youth—George Giltner

George Giltner from The Techpoint Foundation for Youth presented a grant program. This grant program, (valued at \$500 per award), was developed for elementary schools to receive VEX Robot Kits and one day of teacher training to be accomplished at various IVY Tech locations. 220 grants have been issued this year and 150 additional grants will become available on Wednesday June 15th. These grants are available to elementary schools (grades 1-5 only), with only one grant permitted per school corporation. To apply...go to www.techpointyouth.org.

VI. My Cook Pathway – Rob Moore

Rob Moore gave a brief summary on the “My Cook Pathway” program. Cook Medical will be selecting candidates without a high school diploma, or high school equivalency, to work 28 hours a week and take classes 12 hours a week. Candidates will attend classes for seven weeks at either the Broadview Learning Center or the IVY Tech campus in Bloomington. The mission is to prepare candidates to become potential Cook full time employees and to also prepare them to take the (TASC) exam. Successful candidates may be offered Cook careers in Production, Quality Control, Packaging and Warehousing.

Next Meeting: July 14, 2016 at the Hoosier Hills Career Center in Bloomington