



## Region 8 Works Council

**MINUTES**  
**May 12, 2016**  
**5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

**Monroe County Public Library – Room 1B**  
**303 E Kirkwood Avenue**  
**Bloomington, IN 47408**

### **Attendance:**

**Present:** David St John (chair), Kimberly Frazier (secretary), Brenda Reetz, Robert Hudson, Tabitha Freeman(5)

**Absent:** Richard Bladen, Grant Echols, Kristy Fallon, John Goode, Doug Pittman, Tom Kinzer, Dave Stagnolia, Alan Dafoe (8)

**Guests:** Susan Garcia, Ivy Tech; Jen O’Shea, DWD; Chris Westfall, VU; Shanni Simmon, VU; Brenda Duncan Davis, Director of Region 8 Industry Outreach Services; Robin Branch, WorkOne; Angel Reece, ROI; Marilyn Pitzulo, DWD; John Corcoran, Region 8 Workforce Board; Rob Moore, MCCSC; Katrinka Schroeder, Ivy Tech (11)

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

### **Round the Room Introductions**

#### **Work Council Guidance—Jennifer O’Shea, Director Indiana Work Councils, DWD**

Governor Pence Letter, NGA Policy Academy details

1. WBL @ State Level: What strategies do we implement to improve WBL opportunities and become standard?
2. Asking Works Councils, Workforce Boards, etc to brainstorm how regions can help.
3. What are opportunities in region?
4. What makes a good WBL experience?
5. What data should we be collecting?

\*\*Grant guidelines by May 20 (40k/region with 25% match)

#### **Update on SkillUp Activities—Angel Reece, ROI**

No longer partnering with Direct Employers because of feedback (staffing) on last round

1. PATH, WBL: Robin has list of employers and Todd has conversation scheduled with Conexus to partner.
2. WBL Specialists: potential funding source to fund one targeting Defense with Adv Man mixed.
3. May be able to get creative funding for another WBL Specialist to cover other sectors.

4. IT: Industry mtg May 24@ WG. Email invitations went out, and signups for personal phone call follow-ups.

**CTE Summit Update/Sponsorship Plan—Kimberly Frazier**

Flyer for potential sponsors attached.

**Meeting Adjourned** by David St John, chair, 6:32 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** June 09, 2016 at Greene County General Hospital, 1185 N. 1000 W, Linton, IN (812-847-2281, Conference Room