

**State of Indiana
Governor's Workforce Cabinet**

Thursday, August 24, 2023

Meeting Minutes – Bloomington/Region 8

I. Call to Order

The Governor's Workforce Cabinet met in regular session starting at 10:00 a.m. ET at Dimension Mill, 624 N. Madison Street, Bloomington, IN 47404, with Chairman Ryan Kitchell presiding.

Member Introduction & Roll Call

Members Present: David Adams (virtual), Rep. Bob Behning, Tony Denhart (virtual), Dr. Sue Ellspermann, Jody French, Megan Glover, Joyce Irwin (virtual), Dr. Katie Jenner, Dr. Chuck Johnson, Sherm Johnson, Ryan Kitchell, Theresa Koleszar, Chris LaMothe, Richard Paulk, Fred Payne, Courtney Penn, Paul Perkins (virtual), Dan Peterson, Marilyn Pitzulo, Todd Richardson, Dr. Steve Rogers, Steve Schreckengast, Rebecca Schroeder (virtual), Tony Vespa

Regrets: Maurice Coates Jr., Rob Coons, Mark Kara, Loren King, Chris Lowery, Becca McCuaig, Senator Jeff Raatz, Dave Shane

GWC Executive Staff: Whitney Ertel, Fran Valentine

II. Consideration of the Minutes

Chairman Kitchell asked for a motion to approve the GWC meeting minutes from June 22, 2023, in Region 9/Columbus. The minutes were unanimously approved by the Cabinet.

III. Opening Comments

Chairman Kitchell provided welcoming remarks, then invited Cabinet member Dan Peterson to speak. Dan Peterson welcomed the Cabinet to Region 8 and introduced Pat East, executive director of Dimension Mill.

IV. Welcome

Pat East, executive director of Dimension Mill, welcomed the Cabinet to Dimension Mill and shared upcoming work and initiatives. Dimension Mill is an entrepreneurship center, coworking space, and event venue. The Mill runs ten different programs via partnerships with local and state partners and sits inside a Certified Technology Park and is an Innovation District.

V. CHIPS (Creating Helpful Incentives to Produce Semiconductors) & Science Act – Indiana's Response
Andrew Kossack, Executive Vice President of Partnerships and General Counsel, ARI (Applied Research Institute)

Andrew Kossack shared Indiana's response to the 2022 CHIPS & Science Act. Andrew is with Applied Research Institute (ARI), a neutral non-profit established in 2017, with a mission is to catalyze opportunities that enhance national security and drive economic prosperity. ARI was tasked with leading submissions for some of the federal programs related to emerging industries (1) Regional Tech Hubs, (2) Semiconductor innovation and (3) Clean Hydrogen Hub.

CHIPS & Science Act: The Origin Story

2019: Endless Frontier Act

-Senators Todd Young and Chuck Schumer

-\$100B investment in innovation

-Regional Tech Hubs, NSF Tech Directorate

2020: CHIPS for America Act

2021: U.S. Innovation & Competition Act

-Passed Senate in June of 2021 (68-23)

2022: CHIPS & Science Act

-America COMPETES Act – House passed in February of 2022

-Senate stripped/inserted USICA

-Conference Committee February – July

-POTUS Signed into law in August 2022

-\$280B bill - \$52B for CHIPS; \$10B for Tech Hubs

*The \$52B for CHIPS is appropriated.

20 Tech Hubs to be named nationally; Indiana focused on advanced manufacturing and bio sciences. Consortium members include: *Industry*: Eli Lilly, Elanco, Corteva, Cook Medical, Roche Diagnostics, Catalent, Evonik, INCOG, BiomEdit, MBX Biosciences; *Academia*: Purdue, IU, Notre Dame, Ivy Tech, Tougaloo College R&D Foundation, Martin University; *Labor*: Central Indiana Building Trades Council; *Government/Economic Development*: State of Indiana/IEDC, CICP, BioCrossroads, AgriNovus, Ascend, Conexus, Central IN RDA, City of Indianapolis, City of Fishers, 16 Tech Community Corporation, Indiana Bioscience Research Institute.

Indiana's focus is to maintain a leadership position in biotechnology innovation and ensure U.S. biomanufacturing capacities and capabilities are in place to support domestic production. Gaps that need to be addressed include: (1) workforce identification, development, training and placement; (2) Affordable, U.S. capacity to support small-scale, late-stage clinical development and launch of biopharmaceutical innovation (focused on small biotechs, including start-ups); (3) Development of biomanufacturing innovation.

Indiana's proposed solution was Heartland BioWorks, with three new initiatives to propel Indiana to become a world-leader in biomanufacturing: (1) BioWorks Training Institute, (2) BioWorks Launch Network, and (3) BioWorks Innovation in Advanced Manufacturing Network.

VI. CHIPS & Science Act, the Growing IU/Crane Relationship and New Opportunities for University Business Partnerships, Michael Huber, Vice President – University Relations, Indiana University

Michael Huber shared that of the appropriated funding, \$2B is set to support semiconductor work essential to the military (ME Commons Program managed by Crane). Broken out into Division A and Division B funding, IU/Crane Division A funding focuses on ME Commons, IU CREATE, and Workforce Development, while Division B focuses on EDA Tech Hub, SDF and Department of Energy funded research, and opportunities for students. IU CREATE (Center for Reliable and Trusted Electronics) is a partnership between IU, NSWC Crane, and IEDC. SCALE Program forces universities to collaborate – over a dozen faculty involved and 35 students participating at all levels.

VII. Indiana’s Employer-Sponsored Child Care Fund

Courtney Penn, Director of the Office of Early Childhood and Out-of-School Learning, FSSA

Courtney Penn shared that \$25M of federal relief dollars Indiana received has been set aside for this program. Purpose of program is to take a holistic view of childcare. Developed this employer-sponsored grant opportunity that allows employers to provide support to their staff for childcare purposes. Eligible businesses are registered businesses with the state and have 20 or more employees and commit to a 10% match. The hope is that employers continue to provide this support once the relief dollars no longer exist. Funding use includes: Sponsoring Dependent Care Assistance Plans (DCAPs), providing on-site or near-site child care, establishing priority waitlist partnerships, offering tuition benefits, reserving seats in local child care programs, providing backup care options. The application employers will complete requires the following considerations: organizational information, employee population and related childcare needs, request for funding, budget, sustainability plan, letters of support, and agreement to terms and conditions. The Chamber of Commerce and local chamber associations plan to help promote the grant opportunity.

Proposed timeline: September includes fund announced and application opened; September to November includes ongoing promotion, support and resources made available to eligible employers, technical assistance provided and applications reviewed upon receipt; November 30 the application period closes; December includes application review and awardee determinations; December and January are award announcements (there will be a first and second round); January and early February 2024 funds will be distributed; and the grant period will run February 2024 to February 2025.

VIII. WIOA Planning Update

GWC Executive Director Whitney Ertel shared that WIOA planning efforts are well underway. Plan is to be submitted this spring. Working with TPMA and completing surveys for stakeholder feedback to inform some of the planning effort. GWC is still looking for volunteers for a planning committee to provide input and review. So far, feedback has been received from some of the regional workforce boards, adult educators, education providers, training providers and a few other audiences important to, and required of, the plan.

IX. Group Discussion

Chairman Kitchell shared that the next meeting will take place in Warsaw/Region 2 at Zimmer Biomet.

Cabinet member comments included Chris LaMothe sharing that there is so much work going on in the workforce space, however communication is not as strong as it could be broadly across the state. He has suggested a large strategic communication campaign, so information reaches each audience it is meant to reach.

Representative Behning suggested an HEA 1002 session at a future meeting. Chairman Kitchell agreed and suggested Secretary Jenner, Commissioner Lowery and team could provide updates.

X. Meeting Adjournment – 12:00 p.m.