



## **Region 2 Works Council**

### **MEETING AGENDA**

**August 2, 2016**

**12:00 – 1:30 PM**

**South Bend Ivy Tech, Room 121**

**22 Dean Johnson Boulevard**

**South Bend, IN 46601**

**(Enter through the east entrance and park in the student lot)**

I. Call to Order and Welcome – Brian Wiebe (HEA)

II. Roll Call

Members Present: Brian Wiebe (HEA), Sarah Rice (Ivy Tech), Kate Lee (SJC Chamber of Commerce), Lisa Dercach (IDOE),

Guests: Kathy Jaworski (DWD), Bill Voel (Sibley Machine), Matt Fleck (Fleck Education, NSFY), Natalie Wenzler (DWD)

III. Approval of Council Meeting Minutes from June 20<sup>th</sup>

Brian moved to have the meeting minutes approved and members present all in favor.

IV. New Skills for Youth – Matt Fleck

Matt Fleck provided a presentation of the New Skills for Youth grant and the basic grant components. Indiana is one of 29 states to be awarded phase one and the second phase proposal is due this fall 2016.

Phase one is comprised of four components and the focus was on #1 and #4 for the purposes of the presentation. These goals are conducting a needs assessment of Indiana's career preparation system and what key policies and programmatic reforms are needed.

Discussion around what's working well in Region 2 is that progress is being made, alignment is occurring, utilizing a framework to have a collective vision and role definition results in success, and that robust programming is available. It was noted that the works council helps to fill the gap and connect information together. Some areas of improvement included a lack of understanding of careers and communicating the information to students through schools, counselors, and parents. The acknowledgement of silos was presented and the need for continued communication expressed. The need for a third party convener was recommended to facilitate collaboration and continued progress. Key policies that could be considered were related to how educators are held accountable to promote collaborative efforts and school choice creating competition and not fostering a collaborative environment.

The presentation slides and short survey surrounding similar discussion topics will be distributed to council members.

V. Innovative Work-and-Learn Grant Update

Brian spoke about Region 2's winning proposal and thanking DWD for the support.

VI. Skill UP Round 2 Update and Presentations

Three Skill UP proposal applicant presentations were given during the meeting to include the JA Michiana, Region 2 Sibley Center, and Elkhart, Marshall, and St. Joseph Partnership. Each proposal provided an overview of their proposal and the regional impact, discussion of activities, and potential for collaboration.

VII. Advanced Manufacturing Partnership Info/Update

Kate Lee provided a brief update on the Advanced Manufacturing Partnership noting they are in the process of figuring out membership levels, developing a position and offering resources.

VIII. Manufacturing Day Plans

Kate Lee noted that a meeting was held earlier in morning on Manufacturing Day, which includes Elkhart county this year, and look to focus on 8<sup>th</sup> graders and collaborate with others to figure out event components.

IX. InternSJC Summer Program Update

Kate Lee shared that 166 students participated in the summer community engagement program with 39 businesses and 39 colleges involved. Kate noted that there was a high level of engagement and multiple sectors involved to include manufacturing, IT, government, accounting, and non-profits.

X. Region 2 Works Council Next Steps

Natalie Wenzler shared that the registration for the upcoming Indiana Sectors Summit will be available in the upcoming weeks. This information will be

communicated to the members of the works council and registration is highly recommended.

XI. Adjourn

Next meeting scheduled for Monday, October 3 12:00 PM to 1:30 PM, location TBD