



Carroll Workforce Board Meeting Minutes 6/15/2022

Attending in person: Suzy Dyer-Gear, Julie Givens, Haresh Raithatha, Kelly Koermer, Stacy Watts, Brandon Schweitzer, Matt Franzen, Karen Bernard, Steven Berry, Chris Abell, Brian Zuber, Jesse McCree, Anita Hammond, Bill Eckles

Welcome and Introductions of all attending

Business:

- a. Meeting Minutes Review: Bill made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting and Matt seconded the motion for approval.

Zach informed members that the One Stop Operator position has been offered and acceptance of the offer is pending.

- b. Work Sessions: The board will be broken down into smaller groups to focus on vision, mission and committee work. Dates to be announced at another time. The complete board will meet in the months of February, March, April, June, August and November.

Presentation-Carroll Community College Continuing Education and Workforce Training:

Heather introduced guest speaker, Dr Kelly Koemer, VP of Continued Training at Carroll Community College. Dr Koemer commented that Adult Education enrollment is back to pre-COVID levels. She shared how the college is meeting the needs of adults to earn a GED and gain English language proficiency. To further enhance career opportunities and to support the changing labor needs of the community, the college is developing the following programs:

- CDL permit testing and reading comprehension in collaboration with CCWD for practice driving on a properly prepared road surface at Carroll Community College
- Small business planning through SBDC (Small Business Development Center) steering prospective entrepreneurs toward the best business plan and financial backing to support their own business
- Cannabis -With probable legislation approaching and the industry developing, the college proactively will be involved in an online course available state-wide to six community colleges
- HVAC and electrical apprenticeships expansion with state grants to process paperwork that business owners now process
- Electrical maintenance-new grant received to build curriculum
- Automotive technician-training on brakes, following a prepared path, students will have 4 certifications within one year
- Updated Medical Assisting- shortening two clinicals from twelve months to seven months

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Dr. Koemer commented that ninety eight students have received aid for tuition assistance from COVID Relief Funds. Less tuition funding will be available after December 2022. She explained the Advantage C Corporate training program which helps employers customize training available with consulting, facilitation, assessment, and conferencing services. Carroll Community College also currently offers free Mediation Services to community members seeking resolutions to relationship issues.

Real Time Data Analytics: Jesse McCree shared important county data as the Workforce Board addresses training strategies for county businesses.

Member Updates:

- Chris Abell, of Carroll Tech, reported future VR training.
- Bill Eckles of Carroll County Public Schools announced that an Apprenticeship Coordinator will be hired to grow the student workforce
- Carroll Workforce Development continuing again this year with Summer Youth 6 week program to employ 16 students. New this year : occupational training and use of hand tools for increased student engagement

Steve Berry made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Bill Eckles seconded the motion. The next meeting is September 21, 2022.