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## Minutes for May 8, 2018 @ Penn State Fayette, The Eberly Campus

*In attendance:* Marsha Androsik, Tom Beresnyak, Jennifer Deichert, Judy DeWitt, Kristen Haines, Trudie Harvey, Carol Hull, Kathi Hull, Lori Jacobs, Robert Jubin, Dana Kendrick, Angela Kenes, Cortney Kezmarsky, Marlene Kolosky, Maria Lovat, Muriel Nuttall, Mike Quinn, Jesse Sprajcar, Erica Usher, Janet Ward, Torrie Sparks, Lee Winterhalter, Kelli Winwood, Amy Huckaby, Scott Dietz, Brent Robinson, Renee Couser, Corie Sechrist, Misty Lowry, Amanda Cuteri, Nancy Rossell, Brenda Caromano, Gina D'Auria, Jennifer King-McCoy, Shawna Little, Randy Miller, Sandra Morris, Sue Wagner, Tonya Heider, Allyson Ruse, Ron Sheba, Tina Tucker, Brenna King

Kathi Hull, Fayette Business Education Partnership Coordinator, opened the meeting by revealing the new Fayette Business Education Partnership Logo.

### **WORKFORCE STATS:**

New to the agenda for every month will be an update on the workforce statistics of the County. The unemployment rate of the county is currently at 6% for the month of March; which is down .5% from the month of February. There were 1140 Open jobs for the month of March. There are 20.9% considered as a disconnected youth. A disconnected youth are between the ages of 16-24 and who are not working and/or not in school (high school or postsecondary) or in jail.

### **EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT:**

Dana Kendrick from K2 Engineering provided a presentation on the workforce needs for her company. K2 has 2 locations in Fayette PA and Bellaire Ohio serve a multi county area. They have the following type of positions in their company:

- Architectural
- Building inspection
- Civil engineering
- Economic development
- Municipal Service
- Private Service
- Surveying
- Public works & inspection
- Survey technician

Surveying positions are jobs they have open but are especially hard to fill due to needing to be licensed and the amount of experience required. They do provide Job shadowing.

### **WIB UPDATES**

Janet provided information on the new Business Education Partnership grant that was submitted and spoke about the difference between the previous grant that ends on June 30<sup>th</sup> and the grant submitted. The new grant requires that current program be WIOA (Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act) eligible. This new requirement makes it impossible for the funding received to fund current FBEP programs.

The state also released a request for proposals for a “Teacher in the Workplace grant.” The grant was set up to support 25 teachers. This will allow teachers to spend time in local companies and is intended to create curriculum and lesson plans to complete their time.

The WIB has also received funding to support paid internships for the summer. Contact them for more information.

## **PROGRAM UPDATES**

Muriel spoke about the ***Program of Action*** which consists of the current and new program FBEP is looking to hold in the upcoming year. Fluid Power Challenge and Business Pitch are among the programs that will continue. Some of the new programs include STEAM Day, Future Ready, a 10<sup>th</sup> grade Career and Job Fair, Pre-Work Experience Program and a Speakers Bureau (working title). We are also hoping to put into place some Professional Development for the school districts faculty and staff which will include high priority occupations (HPO), current career skills, real-time job opportunities and career guidance.

Under FBEP, there has been a new advisory council created. The purpose is to take a smaller group of stakeholders and utilize them to enhance the meetings and the partnership as a whole.

FBEP will be partnering with Catalyst Connection to enhance the “What’s so cool about Manufacturing” Middle School Video Contest. The hope is to recruit more school districts to participate.

## **PARTNER PROJECTS**

**COMMUNITIES THAT CARE-PAYS EVENT** – In partnership with the Fayette Business Education Partnership, there is a “PAYS Event” being held on June 27<sup>th</sup> for the School Districts Superintendents and other staff to review the counties new PAYS data that was recently released. Speakers from PCCD (Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency) will be attending the event. More information to come.

**AG DAYS** - Jennifer Deichert spoke about the partnership that Penn State Extension has with the Chamber and FBEP in creating AG Days (working title) which will be held at the Uniontown Mall on September 21 & 22). Lots of exciting things are being planned and more information will follow.

**POWER OF PARENTS** - Erica Usher from the FC Drug and Alcohol Commission spoke about a free program they have called Power of Parents. The program teaches parents how, where and when to speak to their teens about underage alcohol use. The program is perfect for parent teacher organizations, church parent groups, community organizations, or anywhere parents gather.

## **DISTRICT UPDATES**

**Laurel Highlands:** Randy Miller spoke about the districts 339 plan and how they are updating and making changes to their plan. They are also changing their curriculum to align with the Career Standards.

**Connellsville/Connellsville CTC** – Torrie Sparks is hosting a Career Day at the West Crawford Elem. She is looking for people to attend. As a part of the 339 plan, Shawna from the Connellsville CTC will come and speak to 5<sup>th</sup> graders at each of the elementary schools. Shawna also took some of the CTC students to WCCC. Students from the CTC also created bird houses that are displayed around Connellsville and were also involved in building picnic tables and shelters along the sheepskin trail. Connellsville CTC also held a Touch-a-Truck fundraiser event on Saturday May 5<sup>th</sup>. Connellsville CTC will be holding their Advisory Council on May 10<sup>th</sup> at 11am.

**Uniontown** – Brenda spoke about their 339 plan. The Elementary focus is on CTI and what they are offering. They have someone from the CTI come in and speak to the 5<sup>th</sup> graders. High School Advisory Committee meeting will be on May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10am.

**Fayette County CTI** – Nancy Rossel spoke about the various activities that the CTI is hosting A job fair was held on April 25<sup>th</sup>. Business that were in attendance were invited on a tour of the facility. They are coming to the of their Pre-Apprenticeship grant. 25 students in the class are all working.

#### **MEMBER ROUNDTABLE**

- **LBI** - Summer orientation will be on June 30<sup>th</sup>. The WG CF CA council meeting is Thursday. Phlebotomy program and Pharm Tech program are both back up and running and are now enrolling for those programs.
- **Goodwill** – is currently realigning their programing. They are trying to get folks with disabilities employed within the county. They also have a pre-employment transition program, job shadow, and workforce learning.
- **Rep Dowling** – They will be holding a Hunger Garden dedication on May 24<sup>th</sup>. It will be held in the chamber parking lot. -
- **Private Industry Council** - Looking for 18-24 year olds interested in a Pre-Apprenticeship program. They are also currently recruiting for Experience Works!
- **United Way** – Jesse has been writing grants for the purpose of bringing school districts together to revisit their 339 plans.
- **WCCC – ATC** – Any employers who are looking to do any kind of training can contact them about the WedNET program. WedNET is a training reimbursement program. Applications are available starting June 1<sup>st</sup>.
- **FCCAA** – in the process of recruiting 16-18 year olds for the Experience Works! program. The Laurel Highlands High School will open their school to 400 students this summer, who will stay there while Work Camps, whereby they will assist the elderly, low income, and disabled homeowners within a three-mile radius of Laurel Highlands High School. They are still in need of Ladders for the summer.
- **Community Training Institute** - Recruiting 18-24 for the CNA program.
- **Fayette County Association for the Blind** – Looking at ways to assist in employment for blind and visually impaired.
- **Pathways of Southwestern PA** – Currently Hiring various positions
- **ttcc** - is hiring for 9 upcoming classes set to have 25 people in each class. They are hosting an Open House for those graduating seniors on Wednesday May 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm

- **Penn State Extension** - Finishing up Embryology in the school districts. They hatched their first turkey. Currently have new 4H clubs including Birds and Bunnies. Fayette County Fair dates are 7/26-8/4. They are wrapping up their current Strengthening Families session
- **CareerLink/Westmoreland Casemanagment** – Currently recruiting for the CareerSTEPS program for 18-24-year-old out of school youth.
- **Cornerstone Care** – working out at Connellsville CTC three days per week and hopefully all next year. Doing well growing services. Mobile unit is available and will be out and about this summer.
- **Liberty Tax Services** (Amy Huckaby)- A new employer attending first FBEP meeting. When people come in to do their taxes they end up doing some quasi counseling for jobs and is happy to be getting this information to take back. Her suggestion to the CTC/CTI is to show the income potential. Her company does a lot of hiring in September and October and the classes are paid and hire directly from classes. Contact them if you need them to talk about tax preparation to seniors.
- **Chevron** (Brent Robinson) – Chevron was a part of new FabLab that opened in Waynesburg. Next week the Spring Grant Cycle will be given out to non-profits. \$30,000 will be awarded. Chevron just opened up new drill rigs Greene County and soon will be opening back up in Luzerne Township in Fayette County They will also be supporting a number of fairs in the area. Wednesday May 9<sup>th</sup> they will be doing a flag replacement in partnership with the Fairchance VFW. They will be replacing approximately 100 flags for veterans in 8 different cemeteries around the Fairchance community
- **Community Foundation** – The spring grant cycle will be announcement along with the Chevron. They will be giving out \$280,000 in scholarships. The Community Foundation has moved to 5 South Mt Vernon. They will be hosting a Business Afterhours on July 12 from 4:30 to 6:30. Fayette Philanthropy dinner will be on Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>
- **Head Start and Early Head Start** are currently recruiting for the Fall
- **Children and Youth Services** – They are currently hold registration for their 5K which will be held on May 26<sup>th</sup> to benefit advisory board and families. On September 14<sup>th</sup> they are sponsoring a truancy summit.

***The next FBEP Meeting will be held on Tuesday August 7, 2018 at Penn State Fayette, The Eberly Campus in Corporate Training Center Room 116.***