



Sector Partnerships and Career Pathways

Committee Meeting Minutes

Wyoming Workforce Development Council
10/2/2024 12:00 PMMDT

Attendance

Present:

Members: Tony Cross, Wendy Fisketjon, Larry Fodor, Ron Gullberg, Nathan Williams
Guests: Ivy Castleberry, Tony Glover, Melissa Lovett, Trevor Mansfield, John Melville, Michael Moore, Denise Rodriguez, Kristy Tyrney, Christina West, Jennifer Wilch

Absent:

Members: Ben Moritz, Michelle Aldrich

I. Convene (Presenters: Tony Cross)

Meeting called to order at 12:01pm.

II. Roll Call (Presenters: Jennifer Wilch)

Jennifer Wilch called attendance and noted there is a quorum.

III. Approval of August Minutes

Presenter: Tony Cross

Motion:

Approval of August Minutes

Motion moved by Larry Fodor and motion seconded by Ron Gullberg. Approval of August minutes passed.

IV. Talent Transition Update (Presenters: Jennifer Wilch, Yvonne Adekale)

Jennifer Wilch provided an update to the committee on the talent transition project and the new tagline "Forge Your Future" created for the project. The tagline is broad and targets youth, the unemployed, and includes steps all individuals can take in a career pathway. An upcoming preview and interviews will be lined up with other businesses and trades. Committee member Larry Fodor will also provide a feature and contribute to the project. Cheyenne Regional Medical Center, Banner Health in Casper, HIVIZ Manufacturing in Laramie, Healthworks in Cheyenne, and several more to come soon. Council member Ron Wild is coordinating businesses in the Southwest Manufacturing partnership. Brenda Morgan has offered interviews with students at her apprenticeship transitioning into trades. More information will be released in November.

V. Next Gen in Wyoming Update (Presenters: John Melville)

John Melville provided an update to the committee about the Next Gen partnerships and his recent meetings in Cheyenne and Casper. Laramie County Healthcare Partnership had a quarterly meeting on

Sept 30, 2024, where they prioritized occupations and decided to focus on nursing. In collaboration with the primary care associations, they are exploring apprenticeship possibilities as well as the Certified Medical Assistant (CNA) and Medical Assistant (MA) level of nursing. A task force is being developed to strategize building capacity and training at the community college level to elevate people into Bachelor's level Registered Nurses (RNs). Additional discussion on providing non-medical care and coordination to patients as well as supporting the gaps in the behavioral healthcare field, especially vulnerable in rural areas. The Governor has also established a task force to help support behavioral health and his healthcare liaison Jen Davis also provides support to the partnership. The Laramie County director of public health was present in addition to the new dean of outreach and workforce development from Laramie County Community College (LCCC), Toyna Hacker. In Central Wyoming, a career clinic will be held at Casper College with hopes of more industry participation, and a health sciences job fair in November. They have put together a professional development training and requested industry partners to share templates of good resumes. The new dean of Casper College has been an integral part of the partnership. Banner Hospital is pioneering a new internal model designed to support people as they move up in their careers. This model has already been utilized in Phoenix and Northern Colorado. Natrona County Health Department, a convener of the partnership has agreed to build a team for increasing career awareness in the early stages and is modeling it after the program Healthcare Explorer. Capacity constraints were identified in expanding several programs at Casper College and as a result, the dean conducted an internal evaluation to strategize solutions for clinical placements within local industries. In the Northeast, industry co-chairs were identified, including council member Debra Zolnoski, in the hospitality and experience partnership. A healthcare partnership will be launched soon in the Northeast. Information has been provided on the talent transition project and there has been a lot of enthusiasm for people to be interviewed.

VI. State Plan Strategies

Presenters: Jennifer Wilch

Jennifer Wilch presented questions and requested feedback from the committee on what strategies they would like to advise on. An upcoming work session will take place, to examine strategies with core partners and any additional partners that can collaborate and work towards meeting the goals.

VII. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 1pm.