

Workforce Development Board HMO Meeting

November 16, 2017

Raspberries, Utica NY

8:30 A.M.

Committee Members Present:

Wilber Allen, Tom Reichel, Karin Piseck, Gary Scalzo, Scott Ingmire, Kristen Skobla, Cheryl Zumbo, Robert Benchley, Dave Mathis, David Goodness, Barbara Schram, Beth Bowers, Pat Costello, Amy Turner Kathleen Rinaldo, Alice Savino, Shawna Papale

Call to Order:

Wilber Allen welcomed everyone at 8:35 A.M.

Consent Agenda.....Approved.....M/S.....K. Rinaldo/G. Scalzo

- **Minutes from September meeting**
- **Financial report September 30, 2017**
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Updates:

Economic Development- Shawna Papale:

Shawna Papale (MV EDGE) updated board members on the SUNY Poly Project, lots of progress going on at the sight and also there are a very good number of leads to occupy the SUNY Poly sight once finished. Shawna talked about some of the struggles for businesses to be successful (Work Ethic and Employability skills), the discussion will be continued on December 14, 2017 during the Youth & Emerging Worker meeting at the Workforce Development Board @ 1:00 p.m.

National Apprenticeship Week-Local Accomplishments-Nate Crossett (AAI):

The American Apprenticeship Initiative is a 2.9 million dollar Department of Labor federal Grant that helps companies register and execute apprenticeships in 4 major sectors: Advanced Manufacturing, IT, Drones and Nanotechnology. The companies that work with AAI get up to \$3000 towards the schooling portion in workmanship for 4 years it would cover 90%, if 1-3 years all of the tuition will be covered. Currently there are 175 apprentices; the goal of 350 apprentices by the year 2020. This summer the first Apprenticeable trade in Information Technology was written with Griffiss Institute in Rome, there interns turned in to Apprentices for the summer and if they return next summer to complete the apprenticeship they will receive their Journey workers card. Also, AAI is working with BNY Mellon and N.A. Polce on 7 more trades in Information Technology. This week is National Apprenticeship week, and in honor of that there will be an informational Breakfast with a panel discussion of 2 AAI employers, 2 apprentices, 1 Representative from the Department of Labor and a representative of Mohawk Valley Community College, at Hotel Utica on December 8, 2017@ 8:30 A.M.

BEAM-Veronica Miller:

The Beam Program is The Workforce Innovation Fund through the USDOL, which is a 3 million dollar project BEAM represents Bridge to Employment and Academic Marketplace and partners with 3 other regions: Tompkins County, Broome-Tioga County, Herkimer- Madison- Oneida Counties and Chenango-Delaware-Otsego Counties. There are 7 outreach coordinators and 1 communications coordinator to identify dropouts, reengage them to return to school, provide wrap around support to be successful, and help them find appropriate jobs within the field. Veronica touched on the goals that the BEAM program is presently working on with a handout from the Federal Website which listed goals, who they service and the entire Beam Team who helps individuals access training, help with transcripts and financial aid documents or anything they need to get back in to college and finish successfully.

HARC Report-Karin Piseck:

Karin Piseck discussed the 2017 first year contract between ARC, Herkimer's Career Connection Department and the Herkimer Working Solutions Career Center to assist youth with disabilities, providing youth services to 30 youth with disabilities between ages of 16-24. There has been a lot of established partnerships through ACCESS VR, United Cerebral Palsy, and Literacy Zone of Herkimer at BOCES, Healthy Families, School Districts, DEI Grant Program, BEAM Program, and Probation. This contract has been approved for the year 2018.

Old Business:

- Manufacturing Apprenticeships Madison County-Tom Reichel

Graduation: November 15, 2017

Last day of class: November 17, 2017

9 Out of 10 Students graduated

3 out of 4 of the employers attended graduation

Tours were given of the CNC Mobile Training Trailer before it leaves

Tours were given

New Business:

Alice Savino gave an update on the NYS local plan that she is currently working on with hopes to have it done and posted on the website for public comment by the end of the month, it will also be sent out to Board members for their comments. The plan is an overview of what has been done, unemployment rates and lots of history and data gathering.

Other Business:

Emerging Worker meeting December 14, 2017@ Workforce Development Board, 209 Elizabeth Street, Utica, NY 13501

Kaila Booth, Coordinator of the Career Pathways Youth program has left and moved to Philadelphia.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:28 A.M.

Next full Board Meeting- TBD @ Raspberries Café