



July 1, 2009
Agenda

I. Welcome Cheri Rice

Present Members included: Cheri Rice, Barbara Milliken, Leah Anglin-Walsh, Bill Hanigan, Sandie Crawford, Kelly Harold, Sue Platt, Deborah Weber, Jody Hostetler, Jane Meyer, Julie Kastner, Vickie Whiting, Dana Burgardt, Ray Sibberson, Judy Franks, Marty Ropog, Amy Mast, Dave Richard, Donna Alexander, Dave Shute, Monica Brately, Christopher Spence, Kimberly Rice, Kelly Baxter, Sandy Elliot, Dan Hickey, Mary-Jane Stanchina.

Cheri shared that Terry Thomas, Associate Vice Chancellor, Adult Workforce, from the Ohio Board of Regents has retired effective 7/1/09 and Tom Fellrath, Director, Ohio Skills Bank, has chosen to resign to be a stay-at-home father. William Russell has assumed the role of Associate Vice Chancellor and will be taking the lead for the Ohio Skills Bank initiative.

II. Career Pathway Development Team Updates Barbara Milliken

- **Healthcare** – Two broad pathway areas that are being explored focus on the healthcare sector as opposed to a specific occupation. There has been an identified need for leadership and management training for experienced workers as well as the need for an introductory-type of course that gives a broad overview of the healthcare sector. A subcommittee is being formed to develop this curriculum. Additionally, specialty certifications for STNA's are being discussed within the Mega Region as well as the need to expand output of OT's, PT's, and Pharmacists. The next meeting of the Healthcare Career Pathway Development Team will be held on Thursday, July 16th at 10am in room S201.
- **IT** – Region 8 held the first employer panel meeting for IT to discuss the 4 identified areas currently used to categorize IT careers. Employers are uniformly dissatisfied with the current system and are open to adapting it to better serve their needs. Additionally, the conversation confirmed that there is need for pathway development that assists in upgrading the skills of the current employee base. The next meeting of the IT Career Pathway Development Team will be held on Monday, July 20th at 10am in room S201.
- **Advanced Manufacturing** – Two employer panels have been

conducted to date with soft skills/professionalism being the issue that employers are most concerned about and want to see OSB address. Columbus State has developed a credit course entitled 21st Century Skills which will be shared with the pathway development team to adapt as needed for ERD 9. Also, there will be greater focus on Green Technology and certificate offerings. Grant opportunities are being explored. The next meeting of the Adv. Mfg. Career Pathway Development Team will be held on Tuesday, July 7th at 2pm in room S204.

III. Stackable Report

Rick McIntosh

The first year of the Stackable Certificate initiative has been completed and has been fully funded for another year. The pilot is now complete with 25 students enrolling at the University of Akron for the fall semester. Post testing is demonstrating the positive impact of focused instruction.

IV. OhioMeansJobs.com

Kimberly Rice

- Discussion

Kimberly Rice from the DOD gave a very thorough demonstration of the new OhioMeansJobs website. She had done some research regarding healthcare needs within a 25 mile radius of each of the 5 counties in ERD 9 in order to potentially capture developing trends. She fielded questions regarding the capabilities of the site. Discussion continued regarding the best approach for using this site as a data source.

V. WIB Update

WIB Directors

Bill Hanigan gave a brief synopsis of the recent reduction in reimbursement for incumbent worker training. He shared that attempts are being made to positively influence decision-makers to revise the budget, allowing for increased budget allocation for this type of training.

Leah Anglin-Walsh added that despite the concerns regarding decreased manufacturing opportunities, there are some very innovative companies operating within the Region and that there is great excitement to align the with the Ohio Skills Bank.

VI. Budget Status

Cheri Rice

At the moment, the State has not confirmed the budget for the new fiscal year. ERD 9's Ohio Skills Bank initiative will continue to move forward for now and will keep everyone informed as budget decisions are made.

VII. Adjourn

After a brief question and answer period, the meeting was adjourned.