



## **WORKER RETRAINING ADVISORY COMMITTEE - MINUTES**

**April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**Zoom Online (Audio/Visual)**

**Members Present:** Narek Daniyelyan (Committee Chair), Workforce SW WA; Scott Bailey, ESD; Mark Maggiora, Americans Building Community; Natalie Pacholl, SEH America; Monica Santos-Pinacho, CREDC; Jay Schmidt, Silicon Forest Electronics; Michelle Thor, Columbia Credit Union; David Woodlock, HP Inc;

**Members Absent:** Catherine Erickson; Columbia Machine; Travis Elmore, WA State Nurses Association;

**Guest(s):** Sean Moore, Workforce SW; Tom Strobehn, Fastech Solutions, Miles Jackson.

**Clark College:** Armetta Burney, Interim Dean – WPTE; Rebecca Kleiva, Financial Aid; Hanan Al-Zubaidy, Director at Larch; SueAnn McWatters, Program Specialist

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### **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

#### **NEXT MEETING DATE**

The committee will meet again on

#### **COLLEGE/PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Awarded \$1.6 million worth of funding over the next three years that can be used in many ways, including purchasing equipment, providing more goods and services and hiring staff to help expand programs. Programs include Network Technology, Cybersecurity, Computer Technology, Professional Baking, Cuisine Management, Surveying and Geomatics and more. If the target FTs are maintained, the funding becomes permanent. Career launch has several benefits, one of which is that it is flexible and in part based on employer needs. The Foundation has been a big supporter in getting the word out about this opportunity to employers.

#### **WORKER RETRAINING PROGRAM MIX**

Reviewed and updated program list. Shared the FT and total student count with the committee. The request is the committee to review and approve the program list and budget for the coming year.

*Committee approved as presented.*

#### **PERKINS COMPREHENSIVE LOCAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT**

Miles Jackson shared State Board data. Post college employment or continuing education for Clark is 33% which is 9% below the state target of 42%. However, the state average is 37% attainment for

other Community Technical Colleges. For completion of certificates or credentials and state targets 57%, with Clark's completion at 42%. The state average is 49% for this indicator. For programs leading to non-traditional fields is one area we are meeting the target. Clark has 23%, exceeding the state target of 18% and above the state average of 20%.

Discussion regarding barriers and needs of students to reach completion. This including flexible scheduling for working students and additional funding for students.

The committee indicated they would like to meet multiple times next year to allow for a deeper dive into some of the programs. Three times during the 2022-23 academic year would support this. Next year, to assist with these conversations an assessment of the K-12 partnerships and their needs would be very beneficial. The high school CTE programs are designed to be broader and not necessarily designed to go directly into employment or the program in college.

## **INDUSTRY STANDARDS**

Educational Service district conversations around post-secondary CTE needs and the alignment of what comes next for high school students. Career Launch is available to High Schools, but there are not currently any in SW Washington that are utilizing it.

The financial industry is still looking for people and still working with all the rate changes. The movement toward virtual has shifted the industry some, and it does have some benefits.

Washing State University enrollment is following national trends with a slight decline and the great resignation has had local impacts, both in general and at educational institutions. Inflation has caused the cost of building forcing the school to look for additional financial resources to support the difference.

Scott Bailey: Working on getting the newsletter out. The Pacific Northwest Regional Conference will be in person in Hood River this year.

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