

Governor's State Workforce Development Board
August 7, 2019 Collaboration and Partnership Committee Meeting Minutes

Members Present:

Clifford Bourke
Dr. Tim Hardee
Michael (Mike) King
Valerie Richardson

DEW Staff Present:

Dan Ellzey
Michelle Paczynski
Nina Staggers
Brian Alston

Elana Frazier
Towanna Hicks
Shuana Davis

Excused Absence

Rep. Michael Forrester

Welcome and Opening Remarks, Approval of Minutes

Ms. Valerie Richardson, Committee Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and welcomed Committee members. A quorum was present. A motion to approve the May 7, 2019 meeting minutes was made by Mr. Clifford Bourke and seconded by Dr. Tim Hardee.

Sector Partnership Updates

Ms. Shuana Davis provided an update on the progress of launching and sustaining sector partnerships. She began with an overview of each region and their action teams.

The Link (Greater Upstate) Diversified Manufacturing Sector Partnership launched on March 14, 2019 and a second meeting was held on June 21, 2019. The third meeting will be held at ZF Transmissions on September 25, 2019. The action teams and their goals for this partnership are as follows:

Action Team #1: Build a Workforce Pipeline into Manufacturing

- Goal: Strengthen the manufacturing talent pipeline by aligning the supply of skilled workers with the overall demand for manufacturing talent in the region.

Action Team #2: Address Gaps in Middle- Skill Technical Jobs

- Goal: Address specific gaps in the availability of skilled technical talent by working with educators to align curriculum with industry needs.

Action Team #3: Regulations and Infrastructure

- Goal: Create a supportive climate for manufacturing growth by working with state policymakers to address regulatory issues and infrastructure

The Central South Carolina Manufacturing Partnership launched on June 10, 2019. The partnership will hold a half-day intensive on August 13, 2019 in Columbia, S.C. to continue growing and diversifying its support team. The next meeting will be held in September at Koyo Bearings. The action teams and their goals for this partnership are as follows:

Action Team #1: Strengthen the Workforce Pipeline into Manufacturing

- Goal: Build a stronger manufacturing workforce pipeline in order to fuel future growth in the industry. Systematize and replicate successful programs that increase career awareness, improve soft skills and connect students to work, moving away from a piecemeal approach.

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Action Team #2: Strengthen Business-to-Business Connections

- Goal: Facilitate business-to-business dialogue and sharing on topics that are critical to attracting and keeping a skilled workforce in the region.

Action Team #3: Promote Rural Lifestyle

- Goal: Improve and promote the benefits of a rural lifestyle in order to attract and retain workers in rural communities.

The South Coast region launched its first Sector Partnership in Healthcare on July 30, 2019 at the Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce. The business champions include executive-level leaders of MUSC Health, Trident Health, and Hilton Head Regional Healthcare. Over 40 healthcare leaders gathered for this meeting to identify their action teams and corresponding next steps. The action teams are as follows:

Action Team #1: Strengthen the Workforce Pipeline

Action Team #2: Caregiver Support

Action Team #3: Transportation/Rural Strategies

Action Team #4: Alternative Delivery Models

The Pee Dee Region will launch a Healthcare Sector Partnership on October 8, 2019 at McLeod Health. Their business champions include executive-level leaders of Prisma Health, Tideland, MUSC-Florence/Marion, Brightwater, and Wilson Senior Care.

Before concluding her update, Ms. Davis also shared that the State Partner Team convened on July 23, 2019 to continue a discussion on strategies to support regional sector partnerships as a vehicle for engaging business and industry, as well as cross-program alignment.

Ms. Nina Staggers provided an explanation of the supporting documents, which included an SC Regional Map and sector partnership launch summaries and action plans.

Other Business/Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:28 p.m.