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Minutes

Belmont County Workforce Collaborative

November 21, 2022

MEETING AGENDA

9:00 am – 9:15 am: Breakfast and Networking

9:15-9:25 am: Welcome & Introductions

Randy Lucas gave an overview of why the ESC would be involved in this work and the background of ECOESC. Randy also mentioned the Business Advisory Council and the requirements each school district has to meet based on the Ohio Department of Education.

9:25-9:30 am: Business Advisory Council (Explanations and Changes)

Randy explained that while the requirement of a Business Advisory Council is to hold meetings quarterly, ECOESC has chosen to have subcommittee meetings in each county, as well as, two combined meetings to best serve the different needs in the counties served.

9:30-9:45 am: Programs Offered

- Pre-Apprenticeships
- Career Tech
- Belmont College Credentialing Options
- College Credit Plus
- CCMEP

Keri Rosser explained the different programs offered in Belmont County to students. Mark Cook explained that the Comprehensive Case Management Employment Program (CCMEP) is an option to students in Belmont County that is run through Job and Family Services. This program targets



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students that have certain qualifying barriers. This program helps with mentoring and career exploration. Keri explained that pre-apprenticeships in the county are offered through the ECOESC in seven different industries. Belmont College offers credentialing options in STNA, Welding, and now HVAC. Belmont Career Center offers Career-Tech programs both at their location and at participating high schools. Students in the county also have the opportunity to participate in the College Credit Plus program utilizing higher education institutions determined by their schools.

9:45-10:10 am: Belmont Schools Panel (Bridgeport, Barnesville, and Shadyside)

Vicki Falcone (Bridgeport High School), Chad Tredway (Shadyside High School), and Jerry Robinson (Barnesville High School) all participated in a panel discussion. Pannelest were asked to answer the following questions:

- *Why are these (WBL, Pre-Apprenticeship, Credentialing) options valuable to schools?*
- *Have you seen success with involvement in these programs?*
- *Could you give an example of a success story of a student that went through one of these options?*
- *Why do you think these options could be valuable to the businesses in your community or your community in general?*
- *Do you currently have any students enrolled in any of these programs? What feedback do you get from students and/or businesses?*

Vicki explained that with the new graduation requirements/expectations, students need these programs to graduate. She explained that having Career Days and involving the community help students to find their passion. This then motivates students and helps her determine optimal graduation pathways that align with their interests. Chad explained that while Shadyside is involved in these programs, he does not have current students enrolled. However, Chad kindly spoke about the differences between West Virginia and Ohio's graduation requirements. Having



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opportunities available to students is helpful when determining options. Jerry gave some examples of students that went through Belmont College's welding program in the past. Those students became more determined in their general education classes at Barnesville. This helped them find their "why" and has given them a pathway. The panel explained that businesses should get involved because it could be a potential pipeline of employees in the future. It also exposes students to opportunities in the area. During the discussion, it was brought up from the attendees that there is a very high demand for Waste Water Treatment workers. Belmont College also explained this profession is actually a new program that will start soon.

10:10-10:40 am: Work-Based Learning Overview - *Keri Rosser & Katie Good*

- Pre-Apprenticeships
- Internships
- CTE/Graduation WBL Hours

Keri explained how pre-apprenticeships can check two of the three boxes for student graduation. Keri also explained how the program works and why businesses are necessary for the Work-Based Learning portion. Katie Good from TechPrep presented on Work-Based Learning more specifically on benefits to businesses and CTE students. The WBL that Katie talked about would qualify both for the 250 Work-Based Learning Hours for graduation and for CTE concentrators. Katie explained the tax benefits and how the legislature is backing the work of educators. Keri presented that businesses could get involved in a variety of ways. They can be as involved with students as they so choose. They could do as little as opening their doors for job-shadowing or as much as providing their own internships or pre-apprenticeship program.

10:40-11:00 am: Expanding Partnerships - *Dan Leffingwell*

Dan Leffingwell facilitated table discussions regarding successes, challenges, and solutions both from an educational standpoint and business/industry perspective. There was much discussion from each table.



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Please see Appendix A with the results of the discussion from the community.

11:00 am: Wrap-Up

Jeremy Vittek ended the meeting at 11:25 am.



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APPENDIX A

- **Success**
- Placement of students in career interested fields
- Student development in careers
- Parents are changing the success narrative
- Business visits
- Career awareness throughout k-12
- Found their WHY
- Alternative opportunities for our kids outside of testing
- School visits
- Experiences through WBL
- Industry and Education partnerships

- **Challenges**
- Transportation
- Lack of knowledge of industries
- Communication channels from companies to students

- **Solutions**
- Assist kids in cost of driving schools
- Pre-apprenticeships with unions
- Support from government officials



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APPENDIX B

Sign In Sheets

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First Name:	Last Name:	Company/School:	Signature
Kathryn	Anderson	ECO ESC ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION	
Natalie	Brown	MPR Transloading	
Eddie	Chanoski	East Central Ohio ESC	
Ron	Clark	Barnesville High School	<i>RC</i>
Rhonda	Eberhart	Union Local High School	
Vicki	Falcone	Bridgeport HS	<i>Vicki Falcone</i>
Jesse	Gipko	Belmont College	<i>Jesse Gipko</i>
Ed	Good	Mead Township Belmont County, WDA 16	<i>Ed Good</i>
Katie	Good	SE Tech prep	<i>Katie Good</i>
Rob	Guentter	WDB16	
Steve	Hancock	Smart33	<i>SH</i>
Heather	Hanson	Belmont-Harrison VSD	<i>Heather Hanson</i>
Angela	Hicks	ECOESC / Shadyside	<i>Angela Hicks</i>
Lori	Jones	YWCA Wheeling	<i>Lori Jones</i>
Kathy	Klee	CAC of Belmont County	<i>Kathy Klee</i>
Lisa	Kleevic	ECOESC	
Jennifer	Kocher	Around the World Gourmet	
Leslie	Kosanovic	Bridgeport Exempted Village School District	<i>Leslie Kosanovic</i>
Christina	Laudermilt	St Clairsville	<i>Christina Laudermilt</i>
Scott	Mazzulli	Smart33	<i>Scott Mazzulli</i>
Pam	McKim	Belmont Savings Bank	
Edward	Mowrer	Belmont College	<i>Ed Mowrer</i>
Scott	Power	ECOESC	
Lovel	Quinn	Buckeye Trail HS	<i>Lovel Quinn</i>
David	Rohall	University of Ohio Eastern	
Mike	Schlanz	Belmont County DJFS/OMJ	<i>Mike Schlantz</i>
Zac	Shutler	Union Local	
AJ	Smith	Verdantas (f.k.a. Hull)	<i>AJ Smith</i>
Sarah	Smith	OhioMeansJobs Belmont County / JFS	<i>Sarah Smith</i>
Erikka	Storch	Project BEST	<i>Erikka Storch</i>
Chad	Tredway	Shadyside high school	<i>Chad Tredway</i>
Steve	Williams	Belmont County Board of Developmental Disabilities	<i>Steve Williams</i>



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Madi	Friley	ECOESC- MUDAWBRICK HS	<i>Madi Friley</i>
Chad	Friley	Stratton Local Schools	<i>Chad Friley</i>
Jan	Lehmann	ECOESC	<i>Jan Lehmann</i>
Terry	Robinson	ECOESC	<i>Terry Robinson</i>
Valerie	Feed	Belmont College	<i>Valerie Feed</i>
David	Reh	ONE	<i>David Reh</i>
Natlie	Brown	MPR	<i>Natlie Brown</i>
EJ	Schlozifski	Belmont Savings Bank	<i>EJ Schlozifski</i>
Scott	McMahon	Bellaire Local	<i>Scott McMahon</i>
Joe	MAMONE	MARTINS FERRY	<i>Joe MAMONE</i>
Kellie	Cusick	Bellaire	<i>Kellie Cusick</i>
Randy	Lucas	EAST CENTRAL OHIO ESC	<i>Randy Lucas</i>