

POTOMAC HIGHLANDS DISTRICT CONSORTIUM MEETING MINUTES

December 5, 2013

9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (Eastern Classroom 104B)

Eastern WV Community and Technical College

Moorefield, WV

Attending: Patrick Crane, Presenter "Bridging the Gap"; S. Dilly; C. Hedrick; B. Miller; K. Kuykendall; B. Whitecotton; P. Shrader; S. Staley; G. Duling; W. Malcolm; C. Terrell; & D. Kelly, Recorder.

- I. **Call to order:** Meeting was called to order at 9:37 am by President Terrell of Eastern WVCTC. With introductions.
- II. **Approval of the 9-20-13 meeting minutes**
M: P. Shrader
S: C. Hedrick
Minutes were approved as presented.
- III. **Treasurer's report, Pam Shrader**
Reported that at this time, some schools were invoiced the second time but no payments have been received at this time. K. Kuykendall question if it would be feasible to send a brief description of the purpose of the fees.
- IV. **Consortia updates, Pam Shrader and membership** Grover Duling is meeting with schools in Mineral County today
- V. **Consortia Compact revision** Followed recommendations from last meeting and updates were presented.
- VI. **Bridging the Gap, Patrick Crane** Mr. Crane presented a PowerPoint and overview on the Bridging the Gap initiative of the Department of Labor and the overarching strategy of Culture of Continuous Improvement.

Dr. Terrell explained that with current budget cuts and pending grants and this grant's personnel requirements. Eastern is being creative by combining positions; discussed modules for developmental ed coordinator being faculty; career counselor is a part time position as a contractual position and working with the WIB to do so. Peer coaches counselors: **Intract** has identified individuals nationwide and this too, could be a contractual position. Eastern's concern is sustainability.

What is the long term sustainability - S. Dilly. "Institutional increase in revenue; asking for more legislative funds is not on the table at this time; human capital for training and continued application of the principles"

What is the accountability? Is there real jobs in the future to keep them here? - B. Whitecotton. "A ton of construction jobs / technical jobs will be opening up in WV and will continue in the future; changing culture is not easy to do; the goals of the grant is not lofty and disconnected from real lives."

Our kids want to stay home, how can we help them do that - C. Hedrick. "The WIB and other partnerships should know what jobs are available"

Many kids do not have the work ethic, career and peer coaching needs to happen early in the school system - G. Duling. "One task on Community Colleges is to work with middle school

counselors for what future can look like for you and discuss all options including CTCs and hands on career paths."

Areas of focus from Eastern - welding, wind tech,

- VII. **Robert C. Byrd Institute** (Mineral County)
- VIII. **Entrepreneurship Education** -Hardy County, South Branch Technical Center and Eastern Partnership
- IX. **Welding Certificate** partnership update
W. Malcolm - discussed potential grants what is needed, what is available, will find an existing model to mirror.
-would like to have a welding course open in January - G. Duling
-work together to build upon what we have as partners - S. Dilly
- X. **Updates from Partners**
cosmetology open house @ SBCTC
Summer Academy Introduction to Engineering slide was presented - G. Duling
- XI. Next meeting: March 7, 2014 @ 9:30 am
- XII. Economic Development & Education Partnership meeting (11:00 am to 12:30 pm)
- XIII. **Adjourned** at 11:05 am by President Terrell
- XIV. **Lunch:**