



REGIONAL WORKFORCE COUNCIL Thursday, December 6, 2018 MEETING NOTES

Purpose: Through organized facilitation understand current gaps, challenges, and partnerships. The intention of this meeting is to open doors of communication to learn ways to leverage support from one another.

Discussion: The desired outcomes of this meeting is to discuss and approve the 2019 Regional Workforce Public Policy Agenda for advocacy and advance our community efforts around workforce development goals.

Attendees:

Susan Bergstrom, Sarasota Literacy

Ashley Brown, Women's Resource Center

Holly Bullard, Florida Policy Institute

Linda Cavalieri, CareerEdge

Deborah Chapman, Consultant

Elizabeth Cordes, Bradenton Area EDC

Ron Dipillo, Suncoast Technical College

Amy Diss, Jewish Family Community Services

Kathy Drotar, Keiser University

Mireya Eavey, CareerEdge/The Greater Chamber of Commerce

Martha Flynn, Pathfinders Consulting

Anthony Gagliano, CareerSource Suncoast

Teri Hansen, Barancki Foundation

Ann Hardy, Sarasota County Government

Jamie Kahns, Bank of America

Karima Khability, CareerSource Suncoast

Joshua Matlock, CareerSource Suncoast

Jeff Maultsby, Sarasota County Schools

Martha Meyers, Manatee Technical College

Antonia Quiros, Goodwill

Barbara Richards, Project 180

Christina Russi, Glasser/Schoenbaum Hum Svcs

Alva Silm, Jewish Family Community Services

Lauren Tominelli, Sarasota County Government

Mel Thomas, EDC Sarasota

Casey Welch, University of South Florida

Sue Wetzel, United Way Suncoast

1. Meeting with Congressman Vern Buchanan

⇒ The meeting with Congressman Buchanan is scheduled for January 7, 2019.

- ⇒ Casey recapped the public policy committee's meeting and subsequent efforts to cull those considerations into achievable policy outcomes for further refinement with Mireya and Holly.
- ⇒ The Policy Committee crafted the items into credible, achievable and actionable Long-Term and Short-Term objectives culminating in a Public Policy Agenda. The goals were purposefully constrained to manageable items.
- ⇒ A handout recapping the proposed Workforce Agenda was presented for review and discussion by the members of the Council. Casey made a motion for the Council to accept the Legislative Policy Agenda. There were no objections, and the motion passed.

2. Approved Policy Workforce Legislative Agenda

REGIONAL WORKFORCE COUNCIL 2019 WORKFORCE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Vocational Training

- Public/Charter K-12 schools (middle/high school)

Higher Education Institutions Workforce Programs

- Funding support for programs meeting local workforce needs

Stackable Certifications

- Articulation for current workforce through Technical Schools, State Colleges and State Universities

Housing Affordability

- Sadowski Housing Trust Funds

Certified Nursing assistants; certification requirement

- Amend 434.203 (a) statute to allow any nursing school licensed by the Board of Nursing to do the practical portion of the CNA exam and check off their own graduates. The schools are licensed to do this for nurses why should they not be able to do it for CNA's.

ACTION:

- The Policy Committee will present the **Regional Workforce Council 2019 Workforce Legislative Agenda** to the Legislative Delegation on Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at 9 :00 AM in the Manatee County Commission Chambers, 1112 Manatee Avenue West, Bradenton, Florida.

3. Partner Updates on Workforce Activities Relative to Respective Organizations

- ⇒ To foster global awareness of the efforts of the workforce practitioners in the community, each member gave updates about the on-going projects of their organizations.
- ⇒ The members agreed to continue to contribute and share updates with the group for the Regional Workforce Council to distribute and continue alignment among the partners.

4. Next Steps

- ⇒ Until such time a partner or the Council identifies a workforce matter that would benefit from Council discussion, investigation and action, the Council will schedule the next meeting.
- ⇒ Meet with policy makers to advocate the public policy agenda.
- ⇒ Travel to Tallahassee during session as a group.