

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT TASKFORCE MEETING MINUTES

Held at 1002 N. Eaton Street, Albion – Albion EDC Offices
December 12, 2022

Workforce Development Taskforce Meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m.

Committee Members Present: Ben Wallace; Annette Norris; Heather Ignash, Virgie Ammerman

Most recent prior minutes/notes were distributed and reviewed.

Committee decided to meet once a month in order to gain momentum on deliverables. Third Monday of each month at 9 am.

Identified Resources/Focuses:

- MMA – Albion/Marshall Meeting 3rd Thursdays at noon.
- Albion Employer Roundtable – Heather requested the EDC's Manufacturers List
- I-94 Corridor Project – January MOHS
- 3 Childcare Initiatives (Local to Albion, Regional, and Individual Need)
- MEATA
- ILC – Potential opportunity for a Dale Carnegie Leadership Training
- P.A.T.H., 101 S. Superior, MI Works Assistance
- YouthBuild – Working with Dr. Randy Davis = Focus Hope in Detroit is also applying
- Going Pro Funds – how can we get more Going Pro dollars out into Albion? Apply Annually in November
- Billy Beers (Chamber) can be included in future emails for information.
- Haley Snyder (City) can be included in future emails for information.
- The Pulse Roadmap discussed.
- Norris requested information on the Business Solutions Professional for Albion. Ignash provided this summary following the meeting:

So your BSC is me. I cover all of Calhoun County as well as some outlying locations such as Galesburg, Richland, and Augusta. At this time our team's focus is on Going Pro but I also work on special projects. When it's Going Pro season as we like to call it, my focus does shift mainly to the grant. As I mentioned on the call, there are two cycles this year with the next cycle taking place in late spring as of now, though we are awaiting the state's timeline. ILC award periods have not been announced, but they are not open yet.

Our GPTF Specialist is Jessica Meskil. I have CC'd her on this email. During the application period of the grant it's really all hands on deck for the grant, but Jessica has done some excellent work around promoting the grant and meeting with employers as well as grant organization.

We have a Kalamazoo position open that will also eventually take over the Apprenticeship Success Coordinator position, but in the meantime that is also Jessica. Once that role is filled we will transition that person into that role.

10:00 a.m. Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting Monday January 16th – Cancelled as it MLK Day

Next Meeting Monday February 20th – Will need to be rescheduled as this is a federal holiday.

Note: We are adding interested individuals to this Taskforce. Please spread the word if anyone is interested.