

# WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT TASKFORCE MEETING MINUTES

Held at 115 N. Superior and Virtual, Albion – Albion EDC Offices  
June 17, 2024

**Workforce Development Taskforce Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.**

Committee Members Present: Ben Pierce, Mark Gettel; Virgie Ammerman, Scott Cubberly, Ronnie Sims, Haley Snyder

Most recent prior minutes/notes were distributed and reviewed.

Identified Resources/Focuses:

- KCC applied for 2 grants. \$600,000 for Pre K-12 and \$3.3M for Curriculum development. \$1.1M of the \$3.3M is for a robotics cell. Could use support to keep training local to Albion-Marshall. Execution period is Jan 2025 – June 2026.
- Dr. Baskin has left KCC as of May 31
- Amy Lee – Michigan Community College Association (prior) Consortium Training now is with MW Tech – Amy Lee is there now engaging in consortiums. Mark introduced Jim Durian to Amy Lee. Mark to introduce Amy to Virgie.
- Several Community Colleges are forming regional planning.
- EV Jobs Academy
- EDC working on identifying 700 under/unemployed individuals.
- Tech Center – Trevor White – potentially partner with KCC's grant requests. Need funding for a tech center/training center.
- ELC Update – No update - \$151,000 – Bill Rayl is a big supporter.
  - Foundation for curriculum based program. 5-year curriculum, for example. Mark is working on a problem solving management curriculum.
- Ben Pierce discussed first cohort of Focus Forward, less than 18. Also working on an 18-24 year old program. Would be interested in training 18–24-year-old candidates. Can provide transportation. MPS and Starr and BCPS partnership. Youth and employee engagement.
- Next summer youth employment – Scott to send Haley a budget. Under \$40,000.
- MMA – Albion/Marshall Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays at noon – move to Industrial Retention
- Albion Employer Roundtable – Presentations for the meetings
- 3 Childcare Initiatives (Local to Albion, Regional, and Individual Need)
- Tri-share program – Employers not willing to accept liability
- Regional Childcare Plan – Pulse – flexibility of schedules and interest – in home child care for 3<sup>rd</sup> shift setting – talk to Jill Bland
- Be aware of the Statewide Workforce Development Plan – Discuss at next meeting

9:50 a.m. Meeting adjourned.