Apprenticeship/Career Pathways/OJT Committee Meeting Minutes
10:00–11:00 AM
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Walt Sullivan Building
Helena, Montana
April 26th, 2016

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Tina Bundtrock, Scott Trent, Al Ekblad, Margaret Bowles, Eric Rose, Kirk Hammerquist, and Kevin Poulin.

Miles McCarvel (Chair) joined the meeting at 10:10.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Clay Christian or his designee,

STAFF: Casey Schreiner, Sandy Sands, and Greg Cano

GUESTS: Lisa Newman (Career Training Institute), Suzanne Ferguson (Montana Department of Labor & Industry), Darrell Holzer (Montana Department of Labor & Industry), Valerie Piet (Montana Department of Labor & Industry), Siri Smilie (Governor’s Office).

Call to Order/Roll Call

Kevin Poulin called the meeting to order.

Roll call

Mr. Sands took roll call. A quorum was established.

Agenda

Mr. Trent moved to accept the agenda. Ms. Bowles seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes

Mr. Trent moved to approve the minutes from the February 3rd, 2016 Apprenticeship/Career Pathways/OJT Committee. Mr. Ekblad seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Reports

Darrell Holzer gave an update on the Montana Registered Apprenticeship program. Currently there are 1,341 active apprentices in 53 occupations. In addition, Flathead Valley Community College is providing individuals a Certificate in Technical Studies, which puts them on track toward an Associate’s Degree.

Valerie Piet gave an update on HealthCARE Montana’s apprenticeship program. Currently there are seven new registrations in two programs. Most of the participants are working on CNA and CT Tech apprenticeships. A few new programs will be online in the next few weeks, including Pharmacy Tech.

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New Business
Siri Smillie gave an overview of the National Governor’s Association’s Work-Based Learning Policy, which will focus on integrating work-based learning into the workforce. Currently the organization is working on RFP’s in six states, including Montana. The vision for Montana is to serve priority workforce development needs, foster career and college readiness, and create a sustainable talent development in order to best fill the future gaps in Montana’s workforce due to the potential 130,000 projected retirements. Siri requested comments from the committee and its help in identifying existing programs with work-based learning components and best practices.

Casey Schreiner discussed the potential for changing the name of the committee to the Work-Based Learning Committee. After discussion, the group decided to not change the committee name at this time.

Announcements
Casey Schreiner said that they are moving to standardize meeting schedule rather than on the fly meetings. He suggested the committee set meetings every 8 weeks for an hour in length. Committee members agreed that this would help for their schedules.

Casey Schreiner announced that Greg Cano had accepted a position with the Jobs for Montana Graduates program.

Adjourn
Chair McCarvel asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Ekblad moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Poulin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.