## **Workforce Readiness Working Group Meeting Agenda**

Location: City of Prior Lake

4646 Dakota Street SE Parkview Conference Room

Date: Tuesday, June 13, 2017

Time: 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

## NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING WILL BE:

TUESDAY, JULY 11, 2017 PRIOR LAKE CITY HALL 4646 DAKOTA STREET SE | PRIOR LAKE

## Agenda items:

- MNCAPs Student Project Presentation (45 minutes)
  - Action Item #4: Identify reasons the unemployment rate is higher among 18-24 year old residents who are in the workforce.
    - Further analyze labor force data for the 18-24 year olds.
- Steering Committee Update (15 minutes)
  - Narrative for website: Important messages that our group believes should be on the website
- Policy Recommendations Sub Group (2-3 people) (5 minutes)
  - 1) Review the 2030 comprehensive plans of the County and each city,
  - 2) Identify existing policies that should be updated to reflect current data,
  - 3) Identify and draft policies for those issues/concerns/priorities not currently included in existing comp plans.

The work would be done over the next several months.

- Scott County WFC/Library Programs; School Program Chart (10 minutes)
- Action Items (next page) (15 minutes)

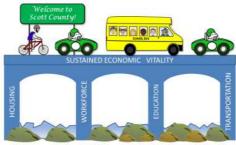


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- Action Items—next steps?
  - 1) Develop better connections between employers and school districts
    - i. Possibly coordinate career fairs at schools
    - ii. Work with school districts to arrange tours of manufacturing facilities and learn about various job options and required education training for the various career paths.
  - 2) Educate students on what careers are available and parents on career pathway options
    - i. Expand mentoring opportunities between students and businesses and coordinate with resources available through the Optimists Club, Rotary Clubs and school districts.
    - ii. Focus on connecting with people when they are 18 to then stay in touch as they move through those 19-24 ages.
      - 1. Next steps review survey results and make findings, possible establish focus groups, further analyze labor force data for the 18-24 year olds.
  - 3) Explore post-secondary education options within the County
  - 4) Identify reasons the unemployment rate is higher among 18-24 year old residents who are in the workforce.
    - 1. MNCAPS Project Input
    - 2. Further analyze labor force data for the 18-24 year olds
  - 5) Strengthen career pathways
  - 6) Complete a local Business Retention and Expansion Survey
    - 1. BRE Committee (including representatives from Housing and Transportation Work Groups) to develop questions, including potential training programs that are offered at businesses, business interest in working with local school districts, etc.
    - 2. Coordinate business surveys with the local cities/EDAs.
    - 3. Utilize the Greater MSP survey template and add local questions

## **Workforce Readiness Vision Statement:**

Elevate each person's contribution to the community through a rich variety of local employment opportunities and career pathways.



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