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Meeting Minutes
July 15, 2020 – Zoom Virtual Meeting

Attendance:

Jason Eibling - Mid-American Therapy/Wyandot Chamber of Commerce
Greg Moon – Wyandot Economic Development
Amanda Fleming – Wyandot Chamber of Commerce
Jennie Dranschak – Bridgestone APM Company
Frank Gibson – Workforce Consultant
Laurie Vent – Upper Sandusky Schools
Lu Cooke – Office of the Lt. Governor

Call to Order:

Jason Eibling called the meeting to order at 8:20 a.m.

Action Recap:

Members shared information about recent meetings they had attended to share information and progress of the WETF:

- Workforce Stability Series
 - These sessions are still on hold, and the EMS conference room still is not open to outside groups.
- TechCred Program
 - Lu advised that applications were open during the month of June, and it was the largest round yet.
 - The dollar amount requested was almost double the amount it has been.
 - Lu also discussed the IMAP Program, which is a new program started for training of unemployed workers. Dollars flow directly to the training provider, in hopes that new training and skills will get these unemployed individuals employment.
- COVID-19 Ongoing Impact Survey Results
 - The results of this recently distributed survey to businesses was shared.
 - COVID impacts among respondents were mixed, and nearly 73% reported not needed direct assistance at this time.
 - 7.5% did report their business was at risk of closing as a result of COVID-19.

Other Updates:

Participants discussed additional items taking place in and around their organizations:

- Additional unemployment benefit
 - Jason and Jenni shared updates of the negative impacts the additional unemployment benefit is having

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- Wyandot Improvement Network
 - A new 501c3 entity to serve as an umbrella for our countywide development entities including Economic Development, the Chambers of Commerce, and Visitors Bureau
 - Jason provided an update on what has been happening, and those serving on the board.
- Carey Daycare
 - Bright Minds Daycare & Preschool will be opening within the next 3 months in the Sheriden Subdivision in Carey.
 - It will be a state licensed facility offering preschool and year round daycare service.
 - Full capacity is 93 children, but that will be determined by state regulations for the near future.
 - Nicky Bowen is the owner, and is currently building a waiting list.

Upcoming events:

- Attraction & Retention Session
 - Denise Ball has been in contact with us about rescheduling this session
 - At this time the EMS building is still closed, but once opened we will get a date set.
- Work-based Learning Session
 - We would like to develop this session, which can be marketed to educators and businesses
 - It would feature those educators from USHS and local businesses that are working with the program.

Themes – Collaboration and Report:

Progress updates were provided by members of each Theme Team:

- Communication
 - Jason noted the HR Network list was almost doubled through the distribution of the recent survey.
 - Greg will scan in the Daycare Center flyer for Jason to send to the HR Network list.
- Attraction
 - No updates.
- Retention
 - No updates other than the new daycare news.
- Education
 - No updates outside of the potential Workplace Learning Session.
 - Frank brought up the fact that workplace learning may be more difficult to get students on site due to COVID-19
 - There could be some opportunity to have employers tap into student talent in a remote fashion.

Meeting Adjourned:

The next regular meeting was scheduled for August 19th (3rd Wednesday of the month). There was some discussion on what the format might be.

If we are still unable to meet as a group, the plan as of now is to keep the virtual meeting format.

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