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**Meeting Minutes  
August 19, 2020 – Zoom Virtual Meeting**

**Attendance:**

Jason Eibling - Mid-American Therapy/Wyandot Chamber of Commerce  
Greg Moon – Wyandot County Economic Development  
Frank Gibson – Workforce Consultant  
Angie Morelock – Vanguard-Sentinel Career and Technology Center  
Mike Augenstein – Marion Technical College  
Tami Galloway – (Retired) Marion Technical College  
Kyle McColly - Wyandot Solid Waste Management District  
Bonnie Lou Shaw – First Citizens National Bank  
Brian Kimmel – Kimmel Corporation

**Call to Order:**

Jason Eibling called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m.

**Action Recap:**

Members shared information about recent information relevant to the WETF:

- Wyandot Improvement Network
  - Jason provided an update on the efforts of the new 501c3 entity, the “WIN”.
  - He explained that the WETF would have a collaborative relationship with this group
  - The WIN will serve as a new tool in the county toolbox to collaborate with outside educational partners, and to combine resources of the countywide business development groups.
  - Multiple WETF members currently serve on the WIN board, which will keep lines of communication open between the two groups’ efforts.
- Wyandot Small Business Relief Program
  - Greg gave an update on this new program, which offers grants up to \$5,000 to local small businesses impacted by COVID.
  - The application window is only open until Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>
  - Greg asked the group to spread awareness of the program where possible.
    - Frank suggested having an informational webinar for interested businesses.
- New TechCred Funding Round
  - The program is offering another application window upon during the month of August.
  - Frank noted this is the start of the second year’s funding.
    - He also noted it would be good to see if the state used all of their funding that was allocated for the first funding round.
- Carey Daycare
  - Bright Minds Daycare & Learning Center had been adding children to its waiting list
  - The center can accommodate close to 90 children.

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- It plans to open close to the start of the school year.
- Community Center - “Wyandot Community Connections”
  - This new community center will be located adjacent to Huntington Bank in Upper Sandusky.
  - Kyle explained there had been some setbacks to the actual opening date, but it is still planned sometime within the next couple of months.
  - Renovations to the building are now complete.
  - The center will initially be for youth in grades 4-9 and feature tutoring options, after school programming, and other games and activities.
  - The ultimate goal is to bring children over from Carey and Mohawk as well.
    - Kyle mentioned that in the future, the Center will also open up space for other community groups and gatherings.
  - Frank mentioned reaching out to Job and Family Services for possible related funding.

#### **Upcoming events:**

- Attraction & Retention Session / Denise Ball
  - 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.
- Potential Work-based Learning Session
  - Jason explained we would like to build more of these formal work-based learning opportunities in our community and therefore would like to develop this session to be marketed to educators and businesses.
  - It would feature those educators from USHS and local businesses that are working with the program.
  - Jason asked how we could gain more information, and put this together
    - Angie mentioned the “Jobs for the Future” effort that is underway with Vanguard-Sentinel being one of the main partners.
      - Grant dollars were awarded to Tiffin City Schools being another main partner in the effort, but it would be a benefit if each group in the region with similar efforts similar to WETF were part of the discussion.
    - Frank also mentioned the “Success Bound” effort and resources, which contain a lot of information regarding schools and business creating relationships and ultimately opportunities for students.
      - He explained there are a lot more options than the standard job shadowing and internships we are used to.
      - Now in the new COVID environment, there will need to be many different and new options.
    - **Manufacturing Mentorship Program** – It was also mentioned this new program is now available throughout Ohio that allows any 16 or 17-year-old students to work in a manufacturing environment without being enrolled in a specific related educational program.

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- Greg will invite Scott Emerick & Jessica Pohlman (USHS Careers & College educators) to our September meeting to gain more insight.
- Other potential sessions
  - Jason and Greg encouraged the group to think about valuable sessions that we could put on a wish list for when we are able to physically meet again.

**Themes – Collaboration and Report:**

Progress updates were provided by members of each Theme Team:

- Communication
  - Continuing to send resources to the HR Network email list.
  - A useful link was just sent to that group yesterday regarding reporting of employees who refused to return to work.
- Attraction
  - No updates.
- Retention
  - No updates.
- Education
  - No updates.

**Meeting Adjourned:**

The next regular meeting was scheduled for September 16<sup>th</sup> (3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month). If we are still unable to secure meeting space, the format will be virtual.

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