



Des Plaines Valley Region
Perkins Comprehensive Local Needs Analysis
April 16, 2020
9:00 a.m. – 10:12 a.m.
Via GoToMeeting

Present: Mr. Jim Becker (QCC, LLC)
Ms. Leigh Coglianese (Technology & Manufacturing Association)
Dr. Anne Cothran (DVR)
Dr. Jennifer Davidson (Triton College)
Dr. Kennedy Dixon (Oak Park & River Forest High School)
Ms. Kate Foster (Proviso High Schools)
Ms. Pamela Harmon (Triton College)
Mr. Frank Holthouse (Leyden High Schools)
Mr. Paul Jensen (Triton College)
Ms. Lori Kwon (DVR)
Mr. Eric Lasky (Ridgewood High School)
Ms. Antoinette Rayburn (Proviso High Schools)
Mr. Ryan VenHorst (Oak Park & River Forest High School)
Mr. David Weishaar (Riverside-Brookfield High School)
Ms. Kit White (Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership)
Mr. Douglas Wildes (Elmwood Park High School)
Ms. Sarah Wurster (Oak Park & River Forest High School)

Four Goals and Strategies to Address Key Areas

Dr. Cothran discussed the following and asked for participant feedback:

1. Use research-based strategies to expand equity for special populations
2. Facilitate continuous program improvement
3. Increase student post-secondary attainment
4. Offer high quality instruction in approved programs

Possible Future Programs for Consideration

The group discussed issues with CLNA labor market analysis in light of the covid-19 crisis:

1. Changing labor market projections post covid-19
2. Unpredictable future capacity and demand
3. New ISBE course matrices opportunities like Cybersecurity

ISBE Survey on the proposed CTE program matrices was completed on April 15, 2020. Based on feedback, ISBE may revise and update the requirements.

Open Discussion

1. What are the most important strategies for the CLNA?

Dr. Cothran notes that the Student Support Committee had used an entire meeting to review an earlier draft of the CLNA, and had submitted feedback by email, in support of Goals and Strategies. Mr. Wildes asked if grant funds could pay for a Career Pathway Coordinator. Mr. Wildes and Mr. Holthouse asked about latitude to use grant funds to pay for teacher salaries, in view of covid-19 budget problems. Ms. Wurster suggested adjusting resources suitable for e-learning to continue offering career development experiences for students. Ms. White from the Chicago Workforce Board, offered assistance with LMI data tools and updates. Further discussion on impact of labor market data and implications. Mr. Becker from QCC Manufacturing, stated organizations are creating their own projections using industry association information and customer feedback. Ms. Wurster commented on essential worker categories and how to reframe future opportunities for students.

2. Recommendations on areas to keep in mind for the two year review?

Due to budget problems from covid-19, Mr. Weishaar foresaw no additional programs being offered in the next year and noted open positions have not been posted. Mr. Becker stated companies are having layoffs or idling of facilities and anticipated OEM layoffs to continue until businesses reopen and an upward shift in the economy. Businesses are not moving forward with capital expenditures at this time. Although the current downturn is worse than 2008 and 2009, the bounce back is projected to be quick and sharp. QCC plans to reinstate the internship program at his company when the stay-at-home order is lifted. In response to Mr. VenHorst's question about if retooling is in the forecast, Mr. Becker discussed the aerospace industry's freeze on capital expenditures. Mr. VenHorst commented on the struggle for CTE teachers to make activities relevant in remote instruction. Mr. Weishaar commented on Ford and Pella converting production facilities to manufacture PPE.

3. Other discussion items

Mr. VenHorst will be meeting with teachers to discuss instructional materials and budget for FY21. Mr. Jensen commented on investing in online teaching and learning and the need for strategic control. Discussion included dual credit and plans to make up needed lab hours for enrolled students. Each high school is deciding for their students about pass/fail or administrative withdrawal options for students enrolled in dual credit. Ms. Harmon spoke about the high demand for nurse assistants. Ms. Wurster noted the importance of focusing on trends as they emerge to find ways to help students.

**Des Plaines Valley Region
Administrative Council Meeting
April 16, 2020
10:12 a.m. – 10:25 a.m.
Via GoToMeeting**

Present: Dr. Anne Cothran (DVR)
Mr. Frank Holthouse (Leyden High Schools)
Ms. Lori Kwon (DVR)
Mr. Eric Lasky (Ridgewood High School)
Mr. David Weishaar (Riverside-Brookfield High School)
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Members commented that regardless of LNA submissions, with covid-19 budget constraints, not to expect program expansion in the next two to three years. Dr. Cothran will advise the Council about FY21 teacher salary cap once the grant allocations have been issued. She asked the members to explore possible virtual education programs. District course crosswalk updates will be forthcoming, after ISBE reviews all suggestions received in the new course matrices survey.