

HARFORD COUNTY
CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL
ON CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION

MINUTES OF MEETING

April 12, 2022

8:00-9:30 a.m.

Attendees: L.J. Baker, Joe Connolly, Allysha Deleonibus, Albert Johnson, Rob Limpert, Bill Pelt, Dave Thomey, Stacie Umbarger

Welcome and Introductions: Mr. Limpert welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. He introduced the newest member of the CTE office, Mr. Joe Connolly, who will be joining our office in mid-June. We went around the table and introduced ourselves.

Administrative Matters: We reviewed the agenda and previous meeting's minutes. A motion to accept minutes was made by Dave Thomey and seconded by Bill Pelt. The minutes were approved at 8:11 am.

CTE Program updates: The Academy of Finance at Edgewood high school has reached Distinguished status for the third year in a row. Distinguished status is the highest status the National Academy of Finance can bestow on a program. Our program is the only one in Maryland that has reached that status for three consecutive years. Three years ago, we were one of two schools in Maryland to have met that distinguished status.

We have two Skills USA winners from Harford Technical high school. Two gold medal winners, one in Welding, one in Medical Terminology. We also have FBLA winners. All these winners have the opportunity to go to the national conferences. The Skills USA national conference is in Atlanta, Georgia this year in June and FBLA is in Chicago, Illinois at the end of June/early July. We also received word recently that we have two FFA winners that will be going to the national conference in October.

Grant and Reserve Grant Updates: We have started working on making sure that everyone who had money allocated to them for purchases from our Perkins and Reserve grants have made their purchases for fiscal year 2022 Perkins and Reserve grants. We have also been working on getting anyone who is going to training this summer registered so we use the grant money that was allocated for it before June 30th.

Our AMP grant is also being spent down as the year ends. PTECH is currently trying to get some field trips approved and completed so that the grant is spent out by June 30th as well.

We just received our dollar amount for our Perkins grant 2023 application. We have till May 2nd to turn in our Perkins grant application. We have also applied for six Reserve grants. We have partnered with Harford Community College to apply for a Maryland LEADS grant as well as with them for their Harford Youth Academy to expand the program that is at the Girls and Boys clubs to a second location at their main campus. We also have a grow your own that will be run out of our human resources office. It ties directly in with our TAM+ program to help grow teachers.

MSDE Data/Joint Needs Assessment: Mr. Limpert went over the data from MSDE and the data points that we have to look at when we are figuring out how we are going to spend the money that the state gives us to try and change in a positive way some of our programs to come into line with the data the state gives us. For the first time in a long time, we have been within 90 percent of the target number that the state sets for all our programs.

L. J. Baker gave a summary of the MSDE data/Joint Needs Assessment information from the state from the perspective of their programs. He pointed out the CTE programs that they will be focusing on to bring them into alignment with what the state sets as target goals for them.

Harford Community College Updates: HCC just recently went through their middle states accreditation, and they were re accredited. They had only one recommendation on assessments and received exemplary responses from all their Perkins programs.

L.J. Baker mentioned that they have a new Business Management program that they are in the final stages of getting approved. The new Dean of Business and Applied Technology will hopefully be in place by the end of this academic year. L.J. mentioned that he has decided to move on in his academic career. His last day with HCC is June 15th.

CAC Seats and Membership for 2022-23: Mr. Limpert mentioned that several seats were expiring. He let the members know that if they would like to renew, they can let him know. If you do not want to continue, please let him know as soon as possible.

Open Dialogue: Mr. Limpert announced that Harford Tech had received a car donated by the Ford Motor Company and that we had officially received it. Mr. Tomey requested help from the committee in getting the word out about a grant that is available that can go to STEM education or environmental improvements to the community. He would like to bring the application in to the committee in September for them to pass it out to who ever could use five thousand dollars.

Ms. Umbarger wants to have a conversation with HCPS and HCC about the CDA program and what they could do about internships. She is hoping to bring someone with her at the May meeting.

Mr. Pelt asked about the money that was donated to the automotive program. Mr. Limpert said it is currently in a grant through our grant's office. We are working with Harford Tech to look at number 1 purchasing a food truck that the automotive program can renovate/redo and the collision program can paint it all up and the culinary program can work with it. We can take it to different schools and have the business program doing operations on the back end. The remaining funds will be used to continue to support the collision program after the renovations are completed for Harford Tech.

The plant sale at North Harford was announced. It is May 7 through the 13th.

Allysha Deleonibus asked everyone to please come out and support the fine arts program at Harford Tech. The weekend of April 28th is the show The Great Gatsby and on May 12th is the band and orchestra concerts as well as an art show.

Closing Comments/Adjourn: Mr. Limpert closed the meeting at 9:45 am.

Next meeting is scheduled for May 17, 2022, at Harford Technical High School.