

HARFORD COUNTY
CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL
ON CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION

MINUTES OF MEETING

September 20, 2022

8:00-10:30 a.m.

Attendees: Mike Brockmeyer, Katie Eckstein, Jon Connolly, Jessica Edmonton, Jeanne Donlick, Allysha Deleonibus, Matt Johnstone, Shawn Krout, Rob Limpert, Joan Michel, Marc Minnick, Sarah Paquin, Bill Pelt, Joy Pelt, Karen Reed, Jim Reynolds, Stephen Smallidge, Lisa Snodgrass, Stacie Umbarger

Welcome and Introductions: Mr. Limpert welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. Since there were several new people, 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 Stacie Umbarger and seconded by Joy Pelt. The minutes were approved at 8:14 am.

Grant and Reserve Grant Updates: Mr. Limpert gave a review of the grants we have as well as the process we go through to receive them. He also talked about how we use the money from the grants we receive to update and support the programs in our school system.

Apprenticeship MD: Mr. Connolly and Mr. Johnstone talked about the youth apprenticeship program. The Apprenticeship of MD is a coordinated program through both MSDE and the Department of Labor. It involves key stakeholders MSDE, Department of Labor, schools, businesses, members of the community, parents, and students. As the businesses come on board, we will be discussing these relationships with families, schools, and students so that they can learn about the opportunities that are available to our students. One component of the program is one year of related instruction. The related instruction can be provided by the business, or it can be provided by the school. It will vary with each business. There is also 450 hours of on-the-job experience. Student must be 16 years or older, they must have reliable transportation, they must have a work permit and they must complete the 450 hours before they graduate.

HCPS/HCC Workforce Investment: Ms. Paquin talked about our partnership with HCC regarding the Workforce Investment program. The program is designed to help grow the workforce in Harford County. We are going to be starting in the program in January this year with the plan to have it run the full year next year. They are going to be offering construction skill, logistic/supply chain, and office job skills. The students would be transported from their home school to either Harford Community College or the Leading Edge Training Center in Edgewood and then we would transport them back to their school to catch the bus home.

Harford Community College Updates: HCC gave some general updates as well as talked about future plans. Recently they approved the Supply Chain Management program. It is a full associates degree and a certificate. It just has to go to the State for final approval, but they are expecting it to launch in Fall of 2023. They are looking to expand on is the bridge between credit and non-credit. They had three new hires in August. One of which is specifically for our P-TECH program. They are also looking to expand the bridge between credit and non-credit courses.

HCPS/NS/Blueprint work and CTE: Mr. Limpert gave a brief explanation of our North Star and Blueprint work within Harford County Public Schools and CTE. Blueprint is really targeting the whole child as they move through their education.

He explained what CCR is and the changes in CCR. CCR stands for College and Career Readiness. Student receiving CCR status was defined as a student that had completed a CTE program, but the State Department due to Blueprint has changed the definition to say that a student that has met or achieved an industry recognized CTE credential now receives the status of being CCR. Student use to have to meet CCR status by the end of grade 11 but they are now required to achieve it by the end of grade 10. Which means pushing some requirements down to the middle school grades.

Army JROTC – JTHS Fall 2023: Since 2016 Harford County Public Schools has been trying to get a JROTC program. We have received word that we are the next to receive a program and it looks like it will be starting in the Fall of 2023 at Joppatowne High School with the possibly of another site as well.

Open Dialogue: Shawn Krout is a representative from the County Economic Development Department. Mr. Krout gave a brief talk about what his office does. He also mentioned that they would love to partner with us.

Mr. Limpert announced the rest of the meeting dates for this year.

Closing Comments/Adjourn: The next meeting is scheduled for November 22, 2022, at Harford Technical High School. Meeting adjourned at 10:06am.