

HARFORD COUNTY
CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL
ON CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION

MINUTES OF MEETING

January 10, 2023

8:00-10:30 a.m.

Attendees: Mike Brockmeyer, Mikale Brutus, Joe Connolly, Jean Donlick, Allysha Deleonibus, Matt Johnstone, Shawn Krout, Rob Limpert, LaWanda Brown, Marc Minnick, Diane Moore, Sarah Paquin, Joy Pelt, Karen Reed, Jim Reynolds, Patrice Ricciardi, Dave Sapp, Stephen Smallidge, Lisa Snodgrass, David Thomey, Stacie Umbarger

Welcome and Introductions: Mr. Limpert welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. There were new faces, so we went around the room and introduced ourselves.

Administrative Matters: The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed. A motion to accept minutes was made by Dave Thomey and second by Stacie Umbarger. The minutes were approved.

Army JROTC – JTHS Fall 2023: We received the official word on December 22 that the funding was approved for our JROTC program, and we can move forward. Our program will start in the 2022-23 school year. The curriculum is provided by them and given to us. This is a 3-course program. This allows students the flexibility to enter the program in 10th grade and still complete the program by graduation. Currently the ASVAB is what MSDE is recognizing at their technical skills attainment (TSA). That will be reexamined by the Accountability Board for Blueprint to determine if that is considered a rigorous TSA.

The application window will open on January 17, 2023. There will be fifty seats available. If there are more applications than what we have seats for then there will be a lottery for those seats and the rest will go on a waitlist.

Apprenticeship and WFI updates: We currently have 17 in apprenticeships with local businesses. We have 44 companies that are on board. They are everything from Business to Agriculture. Mr. Connolly and Mr. Johnstone continue to go out weekly to meet with prospective businesses. We will be listing on our CTE page of the website all the companies and the positions that they have available for our students. The students will sign up through the website and all applications will go through the CTE office. We will meet with the students and then give their information to the business if they are eligible. Then the businesses will have the opportunity to interview and hire them if they so desire.

Over the next couple of months, we will be going out to different high schools in the evening to talk about the apprenticeship program. We are also going into classrooms during the day to talk to juniors about the opportunity.

Ms. Paquin explained what the Workforce Investment program is and gave a brief update on the status of the program. For this year we have a construction skills course, office jobs skills, logistic course, and a social media and marketing class. We started with 4 classes because we started mid-year. We have thirty-nine students enrolled. We have 14 students in the construction skills class, logistics has 6, social media has 7 and office job skills has 13. The students go to class twice a week. We provide transportation if they need/want it. Classes run from 11:15 to 1:15 so students have to be on a part-time schedule to make it work. They meet

twice a week either on Monday and Wednesday or Tuesday and Thursday. At the end of the program they will have a chance to take certificate exams so hopefully they will leave high school not only with a diploma but certifications in whichever program they completed. Next year we will be offering 8 classes and we are looking to have 100 plus students in the program. Ms. Paquin also mentioned that she will be going to the schools with Mr. Connolly and Mr. Johnstone to discuss the workforce investment program as well with parents and students.

Grant Mid-Year spending updates: Mr. Limpert gave a brief update on our grant spending.

Harford Community College updates: Mr. Minnick from Harford Community College updated us on Harford Community College. He mentioned that they are continuing to look at ways to support the students taking dual enrollment courses so that they are successful. They are trying to build in time management skills and basically how to do college. They are also currently looking at articulation courses to try and increase the amount of courses that students are taking in high school that can articulate to high school credit.

BP Career Counseling update: Updates on Blueprint and career counseling - Mr. Limpert says conversations are still ongoing to develop a memorandum of understanding between HCPS, HCC and Susquehanna Workforce Network (SWN). In preliminary conversations they have talked about career counselors at each of the high schools that would be shared with the middle schools, individuals that are focused only on the middle schools where they would bounce between the middle schools for the career counseling piece, and a virtual reality option called transfer VR which gives the students the opportunity with the VR goggles to do a variety of different jobs. The memorandum of understanding process is currently happening in every school district across the state. Mr. Limpert said that the CTE administrators' association of Maryland have worked very closely with the Workforce Investment Board Association and their executive director at the state level to share resources. The funding will start next school year so at some point the money will be here for SWN, HCC and HCPS effective July 1.

Needs Assessment and Focus: Every year we have to do a joint needs assessment with HCC with an area of focus on importance as far as our programs and our partnership with the community college. It is a part of the plan that we have to write every year so at some point we will be bringing back information to the CAC. Last year our focus was on PTECH where the fundings of both HCPS and HCC carved out of our Perkins funding was designated specifically for that program that we worked together and collaboratively on. We fully anticipate that there will be a similar type of focus that is going to be expected out of our Perkins submission. Some of our programs that have a large crossover are: PTECH, Cyber program, Business program, Nursing program, Advance Technology, and Child Development Associate program. So as more information about Perkins comes out you can expect us to come back to this committee for input from this committee on supporting the direction we choose or input as far as other options for us.

Open Dialogue: Mr. Krout shared that Mr. Cassilly, the new County Executive, would be giving his state of the county address in early February. He also said that whenever there is a change in County Executives there is a lot of change with the county government. So, if anyone has any questions please don't hesitate to reach out to him and he will do his best to answer them.

Closing Comments/Adjourn: The next meeting is scheduled for February 14, 2023, at Harford Technical High School. Meeting adjourned at 9:32 am. Please note that if there is a delay, closure, or a virtual day for the school system due to inclement weather our meeting will be cancelled.