

HARFORD COUNTY  
CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL  
ON CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**February 14, 2023**

**8:00-10:30 a.m.**

**Attendees:** Mike Brockmeyer, LaWanda Brown, Joe Connolly, Jean Donlick, Allysha Deleonibus, Kristie Durr, Matt Johnstone, Shawn Krout, Rob Limpert, Sarah Paquin, Joy Pelt, Karen Reed, Jim Reynolds, Sara Saacks, Wade Sewell, David Thomey, Stacie Umbarger, Erica Bertoli

**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 Stacie Umbarger and second by Sara Saacks. The minutes were approved.

**Magnet Program Updates and Numbers:** The application window closed for our newest magnet program JROTC on Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:59pm. Letters were sent to students on Saturday morning to letting them know that they were accepted into the program or that they were on the waitlist. We had a total of seventy-six applications for the program and there were 50 seats available.

We serve almost seven thousand grade 9-12 students in CTE programs. That does not count any of our middle school students. Every middle school student participates in a CTE program at some point in their middle school years. All programs except JROTC will be fully implemented next year. We are up to eight magnet programs. Something most people are not aware of is the SMA and IB programs are not CTE programs and are not included in our CTE numbers.

**Apprenticeship and WFI updates:** Mr. Connolly and Mr. Johnstone gave a brief update on Apprenticeships. They are out and about everywhere. They are steadily meeting with and adding businesses for our youth apprenticeships. They have approximately 55 businesses that have partnered with us to do youth apprenticeships and they have 20 students that have signed agreements to participate in a youth apprenticeship.

Ms. Paquin gave a brief update on the Workforce Investment program. Workforce Investment is a partnership between Harford County Public Schools and Harford Community College to offer free workforce training opportunities for our students. This year we are offering four programs and next year we will have eight programs. The idea is at the end of the program in May there will be a job fair so that local businesses will be able to meet with the students that have completed the programs. The students can also earn industry recognized credentials and certifications at the end of the program. The entire program is free for our students. The courses are non-credit so they don't receive college credit, but they do receive high school credit if they pass the course.

**MSDE Grants and Focus with BP:** We are in year one of two regarding our Leads grant. Our Leads grant help support some of our Workforce investment initiatives as well as the apprenticeship program. We did the required mid-year report in January. We are currently

working with the employers and students to make sure that the students have the equipment that they need to be successful at the job.

The Maryland Works grant is an apprenticeship expansion grant that the state is currently offering. They are offering 8 one-million-dollar grants to programs that are currently in existence and 3 one-million-dollar grants to systems that do not have an apprenticeship program.

Mr. Limpert explained what the MSDE reserve grants are and what we traditionally use them for. He also mentioned that MSDE usually has the applications for those grants out by now but they are not out yet.

CCR grants are College and Career Readiness grants. They are used the mostly to pay for our dual enrollment. But we also have a couple of position that are supporting the CTE office that are covered by these grants as well.

Perkins is our annual CTE grant that is designed to support our programs. Mr. Limpert works with the programs to determine what is needed for our programs to stay up to date with the requirements of MSDE and local industry.

**CTE Night, HCPS February Leadership and Real Talk:** Mr. Limpert invited everyone to our CTE night. CTE night is geared for students in grades 2 through seventh. Mr. Connolly and Mr. Limpert did a Real Talk video with Ms. Stapleton, and it is out on the HCPS website. The CTE office will be giving a presentation at our next Leadership meeting on February 24, 2023.

**BP Career Counseling update:** Last week there was a 4 plus hour meeting to help guide the memorandum of understanding between the community college, the lea and the workforce investment board for each of the regions in Maryland. After that meeting, we found that we cannot fund courses, or staff to support apprenticeships. However, the VR units can be funded because they would be new. The career counselors would be funded because that they would be a new addition to the program.

**Needs Assessment and Focus:** The needs assessment for the Perkins grant will be done again this year. It is a joint effort between HCPS and HCC that shows that alignment between our programs and HCC's. Last year's big focus was on Ptech. This year Mr. Limpert has not had the opportunity to discuss it with Mr. Minnick but, Mr. Limpert would like to look at the CDA - Child Development associate program because HCC has an Early Education program and they are developing their CDA program. They also have an Early Childhood Education apprenticeship program. The Advance Technology Education which last year when we brought on board aligned with their Additive Manufacturing and their Engineering programs. Business Education program and our Ptech program are also going to be discussed during that alignment meeting with Mr. Minnick.

**Open Dialogue:** Mr. Krout shared that the county executive is presenting legislation to the county council to put a moratorium on Warehouse construction. He also talked about the closing of the Bel Air Athletic Club and that the company that is hopefully taking over that location will be maintaining a similar business model. He also shared that Mr. Cassilly is currently going over the county budget line by line. Mr. Krout also talked about Copper Mine coming to Harford County.

Erica Bertoli mentioned that the Rise program is back online. The Rise program is a two week in lab internship for any high school student sixteen and older that has not already graduated (rising sophomores and rising juniors). Application closes on February 26, 2023.

Karen Reed mentioned that the summer work experience program at Susquehanna workforce network is ramping up and they are also doing a summer employment job fair and it is on March 23, 2023.

**Closing Comments/Adjourn:** The next meeting is scheduled for April 25, 2023, at Harford Technical High School. Please note this is a change from the original date. Meeting adjourned at 9:45am.

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.