

HARFORD COUNTY
CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL
ON CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION

MINUTES OF MEETING

September 20, 2023

8:00-10:30 a.m.

Attendees: Diane Alvarez, Madisyn Bobb, Mikale Brutus, Brent Bumford, Monica Chiveral, Joe Connolly, Jeanne Donlick, Matt Johnstone, Jackie Krayenvenger, Shawn Krout, Rob Limpert, Josh Oltarzewski, Sarah Paquin, Jim Reynolds, Wade Sewell, David Thomey, Andrew Thomson

Welcome and Introductions: Mr. Connolly started the meeting at 8:02am and welcomed everyone. We went around the table introducing ourselves.

Administrative Matters: The agenda for the September 20th meeting was motioned for approval by Dave Thomy and second by Robert Limpert. Agenda was approved. The minutes from the May meeting were motioned for approval by Dave Thomy and second by Robert Limpert. The minutes were approved.

Grant Updates: We received our Perkins grant as well as a Maryland Works grant as well as some professional development funds. Unfortunately, this year we did not receive any of the Perkins Reserve grants that we had applied for.

Apprenticeship MD: Mr. Johnstone gave a brief update on the Apprenticeship Maryland program. Last year the program got up and running. They had 26 students in the program. Currently this year we have 47 students enrolled in the program and are continuing to add businesses and students to the program. The program is open to all students in all high schools.

HCPS/HCC Workforce Investment: Ms. Paquin gave a brief overview of what the Workforce Investment program is about. She also gave an update on what is being offered this year. They are offering construction, logistics, Microsoft office certification, intro to social media and marketing, windows computer support technician and help desk, and hoping in the spring to have certified nursing assistant certification. They have 93 students currently registered. Last year we had about 35 students registered so we have tripled the number of students in the program.

HCC Updates: Mr. Limpert gave an update on what is going on at Harford Community College on the noncredit side. They are working with the county to look into opening another workforce investment location within the county so that they can offer more certification programs for the students at Harford County Public Schools.

Mr. Limpert also made a plea to the committee about that right now there is no memorandum of understanding between Harford Community College and Harford County Public Schools so when the current grant that funds the Workforce Investment program runs out it could be detrimental to the Workforce Investment program.

North Star, Blueprint and CTE: Mr. Connolly gave a brief overview of North Star and Blueprint and how CTE is a part of it. He also gave an update on our CTE data that is reported to the State Department.

CTE Program Spotlight: Ms. Chivaler gave a brief overview of the Graphics Communication/Print Ed program at Harford Technical High School. It is a 4-year program. The students take FOT (Foundation of Technology) in 9th grade and then they take printing and graphics I, II and II in 10th, 11th and 12th grade. In the first year they focus on the manufacturing side of printing and graphics and there is a certification they can earn their 10th grade year called Intro to Graphic Communications. In their junior year they are learning Adobe software, and it is a very design heavy year. There is also a graphic design certification that they can earn that year. Their senior year is when they put it all together. Where they are basically running a print shop. They produce a lot of materials for the local community.

Open Dialogue: There was a discussion about the JROTC program led by Mr. Connolly with comments and questions from Mr. Sewel, Mr. Reynolds, and Mr. Limpert.

Questions were also asked about the Graphics Communications/Print Ed program.

Mr. Krout gave a brief update on what his office in the County Government has been doing.

Closing Comments/Adjourn: The next meeting is scheduled for November 29, 2023, at Harford Technical High School. The meeting adjourned at 10:00 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.