



Vision Shared Inc. Workforce Committee

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Committee Objective: To reform career and technical education to be more responsive to business and industry needs. Visioning boldly and building incrementally.

Who: Business & Industry, secondary and post secondary schools, the West Virginia Legislator, funding partners, and Vision Shared.

Attendees: Don Rigby, Jim Denova, Kathy D'Antoni, Karen Price, Rebecca McPhail-Randolph

Kathy D'Antoni provided an overview of a program the WVDE is launching in up to nine schools in West Virginia that will bring together business and secondary level career and technical centers, but explained that Vision Shared could assist with adding a pilot area where the community and technical college producing a fully implemented program.

Dr. D'Antoni provided an update on the pilot project noting it would begin in the fall of 2013 at nine pilot sites. She explained that Vision Shared may be helpful in helping to recruit and establish the evaluation teams through contacts with business and industry. The teams will be based in the RESAs associated with each of the school. There is one pilot in each of eight RESAs.

Dr. D'Antoni discussed additional components of the simulated workplace. **It was determined that the a next step would be for Dr. D'Antoni share additional information about what technical teams are needed for each pilot site** – six cluster areas in each area. The set up teams will be needed for implementation by September. Ideally there would be three technical team members per RESA. Karen Price noted that in terms of the WVMA there will be a commitment to assistance as needed. A standard rubric developed for the assessment used statewide program assessment according to Dr. D'Antoni.

Discussion ensued regarding the direction for education in West Virginia. It was determined that most are in a holding pattern until the Governor communicates his agenda. Jim Denova noted that it may be most useful to have business and industry leaders to provide an assessment of which programs are most necessary for certification. He also offered that the tech teams would be well suited to define the curriculum for these programs prior to developing an assessment tool, thereby addressing the needs of the employers early and building programs and goals around these needs.

Mr. Rigby volunteered to promote the pilot project with his local RESA. Mr. Denova offered to assist with the coordination of this and confirming RESA connections in the northern panhandle. Mr. Denova would be willing make a connection between Dr. D'Antoni and other key players if needed.

The group determined that one of the pilot sites in the WVDE pilot program would be selected to add additional components (Hancock County) including more business/industry involvement in curriculum and enhanced marketing

efforts targeting parents, students and educators. In this instance there will be additional documentation of the additional components – marketing, social behavior, skill upgrade, employer certification, etc.

Vision Shared will assist by:

- Proving the need for the enhanced program
- Engaging business and industry and others to assist in evaluation of the program
- Defining funding partner, developing marketing strategy and measurement standards at selected site

There being no additional business, the meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.