

# Employer Engagement Committee Meeting Agenda

June 4, 2019  
5:30 p.m.

Illinois Valley Community College, Room MBC325, Oglesby, IL  
and  
Business Employment Skills Team, Inc., Sterling, IL

Call to Order

Approval of April 2, 2019 Meeting Minutes (*Action Item*)

Business Meeting

- ◆ Update on RTPI and Next Steps (Dianna)
  - Suggestions on marketing and selling it to businesses
  - Who should be included on the project teams
  - What should we avoid
  - Other input from committee
  
- ◆ Business Services Report: Handout Attached (Dianna).
  
- ◆ College2Careers: Handout Attached (Dianna)
  
- ◆ Possible Future Initiatives: Selection Discussion
  - Broaden and deepen partnerships, which leads to more alignment. Sector strategies should be a part of career pathways. One way to incorporate employer feedback is to obtain questions and issues from other partners so employers can provide input on those in addition to just “workforce” topics. **NCI Works role: Provide these questions/issues from the other partners to EEC and ask them to comment.**
  
  - BRRs should collect info from employers regarding their “pain points”, develop a report a report and present to EEC. **NCI Works Role: EEC should review the report and identify appropriate response. Partners should develop a response that includes all partners/stakeholders.**
  
  - Consider “crosswalks” for Apprenticeships, e.g., Nurse with IT experience and knowledge. **NCI Works Role: EEC should begin a Crosswalk Dictionary for Apprenticeships.**

- “Making Apprenticeships Work for Opportunity Youth” (previously referred to as “at-Risk Youth”)

Be a resource for pre-apprenticeship and apprenticeship program with employers as an education opportunity. Develop a plan to market to employers at hiring events, especially those targeted to young adults, 18 – 24 years of age. Get input from both employers and youth. Include this option in our NOFO’s for additional money. **NCI Works Role: Get EEC and Youth Committee Input and Endorsement of the initiative (maybe as part of the RTPD)**

- Partner BST offers “reverse hiring events” for opportunity youth. (Could also be done for adults.) Seat youth at tables by field of interest. Employers visit each table and talk to youth about interests, skills, career choices and experience. Can interview on-site, or set up interview for a later day/time. **NCI Works Role: Both EEC and Youth Council provide input re: design and implementation.**

Other Business

Public Comments

Adjournment