

Manufacturing Consortium Meeting Minutes

October 11, 2007

Attendees:

Mike Rempel – Gorell
Volker Valentin – Gorell
Dennis McCracken – Quintech
Nancy Saxman – Synergy
Mary Butina – Westinghouse
Frank Holuta – Elkin
Jim Cupp – Ardiem
Kevin Lazor – Career Link
Lori Harvey – TCWIB
Rod Ruddock – Commissioner
Dave Frick – Commissioner
Patty Evanko - Commissioner

Mike called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone

Mike reminded everyone of our Goals:

- Networking
- Educational sessions for members
- Training for our employees
- Recruitment
- Workforce development

Workforce has become the primary issue of late. Mike reviewed the current employment and labor force statistics.

Mike updated the group on the funding requests:

The tri-county group is to receive \$90,000 for the partnership part of the grant and \$104,500 for the training part of the Manufacturing IP grant. We asked for \$150,000 and \$110,000.

Out of \$90,000 for partnership:

- \$5,000 – administration
- \$30,000 – coordination
- \$35,000 – Dream it Do it
- \$20,000 – left for tri-county to split up

Training of new employees – Lori updated the group on the following programs:

- Work Certified
- Marketsphere – SET – Skills Expansion Training

Mike also updated the group on actions for the development of a potential workforce:

- ARIN meeting
- ICTC visit
- Allegheny Conference – Pittsburgh Regional Compact

Mary Butina from Westinghouse did a presentation on a picture maps program the implemented which reduced pages of instructions to one or two sided picture instructions.

Mike introduced the speaker for the meeting - Jacob Burk – Highmark – who did a presentation on Wellness Programs in the workplace

Mike closed the meeting by indicating that the November meeting will include discussions on:

Recruitment

We need to do something next spring?

Promotional campaign

Mailings

Billboards

Seminars at job fair

Labor Statistics

Distribute and review

What do we need or want to see?

Next meeting will be November 8th. Clark Metals will present their company success to the group.