



College Technical Education Council
September 12, 2022, Meeting Minutes

The College Technical Education Council met on Monday, September 12th, at 9:00 a.m. CT., via Teams/conference call.

Vice Chancellor Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. CT.

College Technical Education Council members present:

Dr. Doug Jensen (BSC)	Dr. John Miller (DSU)
Dr. Carmen Simone (DCB)	Mr. Wayde Sick (NDCTE)
Dr. Doug Darling (LRSC)	Ms. Janna Pastir (ND Dept. of Commerce)
Dr. Bernell Hirning (WSC)	Mr. Phillip Davis (ND Job Service)

NDUS staff present: Vice Chancellor Johnson, Ms. Claire Gunwall, Ms. Nancy Green, Ms. Billie Jo Lorius

Guests: Pat Bertagnolli, Executive Director of Job Service

1. **Welcome and introductions** were done.
2. **Agenda** accepted as presented.
3. **ND Department of Career and Technical Education** report was provided by Sick. NDCTE is waiting to hear for the grant plan to be approved. The hope is the Coronavirus Capital Project Fund will fund the CTE centers. Some unused ARPRA dollars are still waiting to be used. Information will be posted on the Coronavirus Capital Project [website](#). The broadband has been approved by the feds. Continuing to work on the Career exploration and work base learning. COMPASS has been embedded in the RUREady.ND platform. Choice Ready workshops are happening in partnership with the Regional Education Association (REA) and DPI. This is an accountability measure the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) has on schools. The Center for Distance Education hired a new director. A budget has been submitted asking for increase of \$4 million for TrainND.
4. **ND Department of Commerce** update was provided by Pastir. The Workforce Development Council approved ten recommendations for endorsements. This included funding for CTE centers, talent attraction, local workforce solutions and an apprenticeship coordinator. Find the Good Life talent attraction initiative launched in June. The Regional Workforce Impact Program (RWIP) application period window closed at the end of August. The Technical Skills Training Grant is currently awarding eight projects from the first round of funding. The second round of funding is now open.
5. **Job Service of North Dakota** update was provided by Davis. The unemployment rate was 2.2% in July. The total labor force was 414,000, and unemployment was a little over 9,000 people. Job openings at end of August was 18,280 positions. The top three industries with openings are healthcare, administration, and transportation. The first virtual job fair happened in May. 160 high demand high wage employers were invited. 365 job seekers, representing 20 states and six countries attended. Job fairs coming up include Grand Forks with a multi-industry job fair, Northwest with multi-industry job fair partnering with WSC, and Fargo. The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) funded 420 individuals through short-term training. The top three trainings included CDL, welding, and CNA. Each month rural outreach is provided by nine workforce centers and four tribal reservations. The biggest priority is the unemployment insurance

modernization system. Work with the Department of Corrections includes a pilot program for job placement of the incarcerated population into the workforce. The H2A agriculture program inspects farms and ranches that bring in foreign workers. A new partnership with the Bakken Area Skills Center has been created. Money to continue virtual job fairs is being requested. With refugees coming into ND, human resource departments are being educated. Success with UND and Handshake. Work with the University of Mary creating a webinar on hiring international students.

6. **Vocational Rehabilitation**

Damian Schlinger – no update.

7. **ND Department of Public Instruction**

Stanley Schauer – no update.

8. **North Dakota University System** update was provided by Johnson. Community colleges are finding it difficult to set up new technical programs. Workforce innovation funds have been requested in the proposed NDUS budget. Representative Schreiber-Beck proposed additional funds in the Challenge Grant program to support expanded use of the funds to stand up new in-demand programs. A bill draft requesting expanded use of the funds was approved by the Interim Legislative Higher Education Committee. The Committee expressed interest in supporting students with some college and no degree. Johnson reported the Committee was supportive of a direct admissions campaign in the state of ND, modeled after a similar program in MN. Johnson relayed the need for a veterinary tech program in the Fargo area. Johnson reported WSC, NDSCS, LRSC, BSC, and TMCC are collaborating to apply for an advanced manufacturing grant via the multicampus grant application.

9. **Campus Updates**

- **Bismarck State College** update was provided by Jensen. In 2018, a mission change for BSC to become ND Polytechnic Institute was approved. Fall enrollment and the FTE headcount are up. BSC received the Strengthening Community College Act Grant; this grant will focus on healthcare, manufacturing, and building apprenticeships.
- **Dakota College at Bottineau** update was provided by Simone. Building remodels are continuing so dental assisting can be offered next fall with dental hygiene to follow. The Old Main project is also continuing to support rural health and the nursing program. In Jamestown, the Dakota Nursing program has expanded.
- **North Dakota State College of Science**
Rod Flanigan – no update.
- **Lake Region State College** update was provided by Darling. LRSC has been working with Sick and staff for a federal Department of Labor grant to expand apprenticeships in ND.
- **Williston State College** update was provided by Hirning. The upcoming job fair has 84 vendors signed up, and another job fair is scheduled for the spring. Watford City and Williston are working on CTE expansions. Conversations on possibly sharing director positions between WSC, Watford City, and Williston, are occurring. It's a way to be more connected and integrated. The Great Northwest Association hired a new CT director for REA.
- **Dickinson State University** update was provided by Miller. Conversations in the nursing area include possibly tying clinical time with apprenticeships. An online platform is being researched for automation and controls. The first welding cohort is going with paperwork pending for diesel and fire service technology. HLC approved the meat processing program.

The meeting adjourned at 10:09 a.m. CT.

Approved September 16, 2022.