

MINUTES OF THE ASHTABULA COUNTY BUSINESS ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

Friday, January 10, 2020 at 12:00 p.m.
Ashtabula County Educational Service Center
2630 West 13th Street, Ashtabula, OH 44004

Members Present

Mr. Patrick Arcaro, Executive Director, Ashtabula County Department of Job and Family Services
Dr. Jerome R. Brockway, Superintendent, Ashtabula County Technical and Career Campus
Mr. Mike Candela, Superintendent, Ashtabula County Educational Service Center
Mr. Richard Jackson, Executive Vice President, Operations ASHTA Chemicals, Inc.
Ms. Laura Jones, Executive Director, LEADERship Ashtabula County
Mr. Greg Myers, Executive Director, Growth Partnership of Ashtabula County
Dr. William Nye, Superintendent, Grand Valley Local School District
Ms. Christina Ray, Human Resources Director, Ashtabula County Educational Service Center
Mr. John Ringer, President, Ringer Screen Print, Inc.
Mr. Craig Sernik, Executive Director, Area 19 NOC COG
Mr. George Smith, Ashtabula County Educational Service Center Board Member
Ms. Wendy Zele, Manager of External Affairs, FirstEnergy Corp.

Members Absent

Mr. Dan Brubaker, Worthington Cylinders
Mr. Mike Sass, Director of Human Resources, Community Care Ambulance
Dr. Sue Stocker, Dean and Chief Administrative Officer, Kent State University at Ashtabula

Guests

Mr. Paul Bolino, M.S.Ed. PCC-S, CDCA, Chief Executive Officer, Community Counseling Center
Ms. Janie Gildersleeve, Truant Officer/Home School Coordinator, Ashtabula County ESC
Ms. Hattie Grubke-Barnard, Program Administrator Workforce Development, 333 Ohio Means Job
Ms. Kelli Jones, LEADERship Ashtabula County

Items Discussed

1. Introductions
2. New member representing Educational Service Center Governing Board: George Smith
3. Review and Approve Minutes from October 25, 2019 Meeting: Motion by Dr. Brockway, second by Patrick Arcaro. All in favor.

4. Community Counseling Center Presentation: Paul Bolino, M.S.Ed. PCC-S, CDCA, Chief Executive Officer, Community Counseling Center
 - Presented a PowerPoint of the current mental health and wellness status and barriers to employment of our county students and our available workforce.
 - Community Counseling is responding to the mental health and wellness by providing services to each school in our county. They also have behavioral health contracts with the schools as well.
 - Important to note is that the service level is designed and modified in each school district that reflects the needs of that district.
5. Invisible Barriers: Janie Gildersleeve, Truant Officer/Home School Coordinator, Ashtabula County Educational Service Center
 - As a person who serves the local school districts in many capacities, Mrs. Gildersleeve provided a handout with regard to barriers our students face and that she sees on a daily basis.
 - Provided an example of a business card she presents to many people in our community that has the simple statement of "YOU MATTER".
6. Open Discussion
 - Some discussion with regard to homeschool and online learning.
 - Question on the role that the business community could play with these barriers. Comment that the Bridges at Work program through Catholic Charities is a resource for our adult community members.
 - Discussion about Trauma Informed Care training and the benefits of that training. This training might be good for our community businesses. Maybe we can ask Community Counseling to present a session to those businesses that attend the Job Fair.
7. Accept the Recommendation and Resignations
 - Accept the appointment of Hattie Grubke-Barnard and Kelli Jones to the Business Advisory Committee. Motion by Craig Sernik and seconded by Dr. Brockway.
 - Accept the resignations from the Business Advisory Committee from Sharon Shoneman as she is no longer an ESC Governing Board member and Dan Brubaker as he has been transferred out of the county for his job assignment. Motion by Richard Jackson and seconded by Dr. Brockway.
8. Open Discussion
 - Hattie Grubke-Barnard provided a handout and information with regard to a February 4, 2020 employer seminar to be held at our local one-stop employment agency covering the topics of the apprenticeship program, tech-cred program, and other training items.
 - The One-Stop, ACCESS Board, and others are planning to schedule a Job and Career Fair.
 - Youth Opportunities program update: The program is serving several of our county youth and has funding available to open up opportunities for more participants. Dr. Brockway mentioned the success of the program and the employers who are involved in the program.
 - Richard Jackson mentioned he feels we are a little off topic from the focus. Not sure if we are meeting the goals/objectives of the law. We need active business members.

- Discussion with regard to one-time summit we have discussed in the past that would be a one day even that would focus on workforce needs in our community focusing on best practices. Also address the barriers.
- Discussion on past efforts that we brought businesses together.
- Discussion on career fairs and career awareness for younger youth such as even starting in the seventh grade.
- There are several opportunities in the community with businesses working with our student population. It was mentioned that the ESC and Growth Partnership for Ashtabula County partner up with the aforementioned mentorship program that serves our county juniors and seniors and only 21 students signed up to participate and it took over six weeks to get businesses to commit to serve as mentorship sites.

9. New Members

- Due to the resignations, some new member suggestions were provided. The ESC will contact the potential members that were mentioned.

10. Upcoming Meeting Topics

- Hiring Best Practices by one of our local manufacturers
- Job/Career Fair
- Potential Summit

Motion to adjourn was made by Craig Sernik, George Smith seconded All in favor.

Attachments

- PowerPoint presentation from Paul Bolino, Community Counseling Center
- Handout from Janie Gildersleeve, Ashtabula County Educational Service Center

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Friday, March 13, 2020. The last meeting for this school year will be Friday, May 15, 2020.