

Meeting of Career Pathways was called to order just after 1pm on Nov. 9, 2016.

Those in attendance were asked to explain what career pathways means to them.

Dan Craig: Important to get kids interested in careers at an early age

Kevin Barber: Learn more about diverse career options

Sarah Ashmore: Career Pathways is important for at-risk families; help people see a broader picture

Kat Long: Exposing people to companies and opportunities in their own backyards (Ponca City)

Stephanie Cameron: Helpful for talent retention; competition

Marilyn Feaver: Help improve rural Oklahoma; quantity and quality of workforce

Kevin Arnold: Helping young people get on path to wages and prosperity

HL Baird: Helps people gain a broader understanding of what it means to get a job and how to get there

Steven Shepelwich: Provides a framework for different stakeholders to come together & see where they fit. Sees it as a way for low-wage workers out of their situation.

Jimmy Curry: Help expose workers to opportunities, especially those who are not on a college path

Lauren Ellis: Education is an important pillar, try to better communicate roles between schools and biz community

Oklahoma Works Update from Sarah Ashmore:

New intern and externships opportunities statewide in regards to gaps in the workforce

Holding partner engagement events (job shadowing, industry tours)

Establishing statewide goals and applying them to regions;

Combining workforce readiness; and career options exposure

Replace designate with integrate on list of goals

Chairs asked for volunteers to be Career Pathways Champions:

This is a summary of who volunteered and their assigned KEN or KENs.

Kat-NW

Stephanie-Tulsa, Eastern, & NE

Kevin-Central

Cheryl-Southern

Marilyn-SW & South Central

Ecosystem Volunteers:

Energy & Trans. & Distribution: Stephanie

Kat: Ag & Bio

Info & Financial: Empty

Aero & Defense: Chuck Gray

Next Career Pathways meeting scheduled for January 12th.