



Governor's Council for Workforce and Economic Development

OKLAHOMA WORKFORCE YOUTH COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

Date: May 21, 2015

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Place: Oklahoma State University-Oklahoma City, 900 N. Portland Ave., Oklahoma City, OK

Call to Order/Welcome and Introductions

Co-chair Chuck Mills welcomed the group and thanked everyone for attending.

Minutes

Kelly Arrington made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 6, 2015 meeting. Kerry Manning seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

OK Career Guide

Roberta Douglas, Career Tech, reported that OKCareerGuide.org is an improved statewide career system supported by Oklahoma Career Tech and they are rolling it out this fall. It is an online career development system that replaces OKCIS. It has been customized for Oklahoma and will serve a wider audience than OKCIS and will provide more data to administrators.

Features available on this system are:

- Create personal portfolios
- Develop individual career plans
- Assessments that link interests, skills and values to careers
- Explore careers, including military occupations
- Locate scholarships
- Connect to business and industry
- Build resumes and cover letters
- Learn how to interview
- Learn how to use social media in the job search process
- Take practice tests

Other features offered are:

- Data for administrators
- College test prep
- FAFSA
- Parents portal
- Tutorials
- Link to colleges
- I.D. barriers

The system can serve K-Adult users but the OKC Guide is serving 6th – Adult users and was tailored to the audience.

There are three steps offered for career planning:

- Galaxy – for elementary students
- Navigator – for middle school and high school students
- Journey – for postsecondary students

Roberta said that they will be testing it in July and will roll it out in August. OKCIS users will transition over to OKCareerGuide.org in 2015-16 year. It will not be offered after July 31.

Roberta stated that the new system will be cross-walked with the ecosystems and there will be 16 career clusters. She encouraged everyone to get the word out about the new system. If anyone has questions about the system or training, contact her at (405) 743-5425 or at Roberta.Douglas@careertech.ok.gov.

MidAmerica Delivers

Chuck explained that Scott Fry was going to talk about this program, but at the last minute, he was unable to come. Chuck said that at the last Governor's Council meeting, which was held at the MidAmerica Industrial Park in Pryor, Don Raleigh, Superintendent of Pryor Public Schools, gave an excellent speech. He talked about big companies putting money into finding and training skilled workers. We could do a version for metro areas and a smaller version for rural areas like Duncan. Chuck said that we need to do a better job of marketing it. Employers are closing businesses because they don't have skilled workers. It is a quandary that we are in and he doesn't know the answers but it will take a variety of things for the solution. We need to get help from the State Department of Education, chambers, etc. This model is good for the state and the economy. There are great programs all throughout the state and we need to find them. Chuck said that we need to take our successes and build on them – our KENs can help.

Other

Chuck said he went to a luncheon that Jeff Downs, Think Through Math, hosted. They have solved one billion math problems in their system. The purpose of the luncheon was to try to get the private sector involved. This would be good to offer to employees to help their kids. This is an online program with teachers who are online helping students to guide them to the answer. They are promoting free math service for this summer starting June 1st. Their focus will be on 3rd – 8th grades. Chuck is going to e-mail Joy Hofmeister and legislators to promote this private/public partnership. He will send the information to Jeane Burruss and asked everyone to distribute out to their networks.

New Business

None.

Old Business

None.

Next Meeting

The next Youth Council meeting will be announced at a later date.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:47 a.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Linda Emrich*