

APPRENTICESHIP & INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT

June 13, 2023

Members Present

Randee Davidson, Chair

Allen Magid, RCSJ/CTE

Maria Schaffner, Business

Amanda Terpstra, Business

Les Vail, WDB Chair

Eileen Gallo, WDB Staff

Bridget DiGiambattista, WDB Staff

Robert DeMarco, NJLWD

Jennifer Plews, Business

Jennifer Shaw-Knab, DVRS

Thewantha Torain, Business

Michelle Shirey, RCSJ/Workforce Innovation

Allison Spinelli, WDB Staff

Randee opened and called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

Mission & Vision Statement was presented. Members are asked to review.

Future Meeting Dates

Randee will send to poll participants on members availability before confirming next meeting, possibly end of September.

Randee reported RCSJ has 2 approved USDOL Registered Apprenticeships programs: 1) Healthcare: Peer Recovery Specialist and 2) Advanced Manufacturing: Industrial Maintenance Mechanic (IMM)

RCSJ is a partner in a grant program with Bergen Community College for Advanced Manufacturing. Currently boot camps for Industrial Maintenance Mechanic (IMM) are active on the Cumberland Campus. An employer partner for Advanced Manufacturing, Danone Food Company, has enrolled 3 apprentices (incumbent workers) to become IMM registered apprentices. These individuals are currently taking classes with RCSJ and receiving their on-the-job training at Danone.

RCSJ is also partnered with NJ HealthWorks Apprenticeship Program administered by NJ Community College Health Profession Consortium Partners. Currently RCSJ is apprenticing Certified Nursing Assistants with Shady Lane and Patient Care Technicians at Salem Hospital with 8 incumbent workers in that program.

Pre-Apprenticeship grant programs presently offered are Wind Turbine Tech; Cannabis Dispensary Trainees; CNA Operators; Programmable Logic Controller (PLC); AUTOCAD; and Industrial Maintenance Technician.

Les stated we are currently developing a marketing plan to ensure businesses & communities are made aware of the programs.

The committee should reach out to local high schools regarding career pathways and available grant programs as well as introduce viable programs to adult literacy participants.

A motion for adjournment was made.

The next meeting will be held October 23, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Bridget A. DiGiambattista, WDB Staff