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Belmont County Workforce Collaborative

March 20, 2024

Belmont Career Center

9:00-11:00 am

Agenda

8:45 - 9:00 am: Breakfast and Networking

9:00 - 9:15 am: Welcome and Introductions Around the Room -

- *ECOESC Career Navigators, Dirk DeCoy & Mark Cook*
- *Belmont-Harrison Career Center, Richard Schoene*
- *Rich Shoene: described the CTE programs and locations throughout Belmont County. This includes middle school and high school students. They touch over 1,000 kids in our area.*
- *They are planning to add Emergency Medical Tech & PLTW*
- *They employ a full time work based learning coordinator who works with WBL, tours, driver's ed, and more*
- *They started a Sophomore CBI program for at-risk students which introduces students to WBL earlier. This offers those students the opportunity to gain more WBL experiences and program options.*
- *They saw value in the YOUScience after using it this year with select students. They made the decision to pick up the cost for all of their partner schools to get all of their 9th grade students registered.*
- *They have a school based health clinic on site. This is open to both students and their families.*
- *Over the summer, they will complete phase 2 to get new ductwork, ceilings, and LED lighting*
- *They are working with the Safety grants in order to make the school safer. They have added window films, cameras, and door locks.*

9:15 - 9:25 am: CCMEP Update - Mark Cook & Dirk DeCoy

- *Work with students 14-24 years old. They work with these students to train them in many ways to prepare for the workforce. Teaching soft skills.*
- *They create pathways for students to obtain the things they need to get out into the workforce*
- *They receive financial incentives depending on what they complete, including, but not limited to, maintaining a job, good grades, obtaining a drivers license, etc.*



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They target 8th grade students to help them overcome obstacles to career preparation

- *All CCMEP students must have a specific need in order to apply and be accepted into the program.*
- *They serve 12 different school districts/ Career centers*
- *There are annual objectives for each year while working with the students. This helps students recognize wins and obstacles they need help with to overcome.*
- *They use a variety of activities to increase knowledge and practice to be career ready throughout their entire high school career.*
- *They provided information to get more information and sign up.*
- *The process to get a student in the program includes: apply for the services, they are assigned a case manager, evaluate eligibility, then they are assigned to Mark or Dirk to complete activities.*
- *This is a long-term program that doesn't stop with getting their driver's license. Services are provided until the student is on their own working.*
- *There are summer employment opportunities for students.*
- *The program has gone from 10 students to 72 students. They have had significant wins over the past few years.*
- *Work opportunities have to follow minor labor laws. Minors require direct supervision.*

9:25 - 9:40 am: Project Best - Nathan Butts

- *Project Best is a non profit organization that promotes local trades and local craftsmen. They get out to school to teach them about careers, safety, training, and how to get started.*
- *They host a lot of trade shows to share information about careers in the trades.*
- *They can be a resource for any school. They are an outreach organization that provides local craftsmen and tradesmen.*
- *Contact: nathan@projectbest.com*

9:40 - 9:55 am: OhioMeansJobs County Update - Mike Schlantz

- *He shared the Ohio Labor Market Information. This information can be found at <https://ohiolmi.com>*
- *This includes information on the top industries and occupational projections in OH.*
- *He shared the Snapshot of Ohio Occupational Projections Brochure*
- *They provide funding for obtaining training for jobs in need.*
- *You can use Ohio top jobs to find the most in-demand occupations.*
- *They are hosting the annual job fair at the Ohio Valley Mall on 4/17/24 from 1:00-4:00. Contact Mike Schlantz to register businesses. Also share this information to people you may know looking for employment.*



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9:55 - 10:05 am: Break/Survey

10:05 - 10:15 am: YouScience Update/Data Presentation - *Jeremy Vittek & Keri Rosser*

- *Students can use YouScience as a tool to find out how their aptitudes match with careers.*
- *There are opportunities for businesses to sign-up to recruit.*
- *Every school in Belmont County has YouScience*
- *Jeremy is planning on a YS training again at the start of next school year*
- *Vicky from Bridgeport, shared on how she has utilized YS to take kids to a Healthcare day that showed aptitude. Vicky suggested using the data as lessons in the classroom for students to research careers and learn more.*
- *Keri presented on data regarding students attending college from Mark Perna*

10:15 - 10:35 am: Belmont College - *Bridgette Dawson*

- *She presented on the new programs that are going to be available come fall 2024: Clean room certificate*
- *She also presented on the High School Programs still available, Blue Jays Day, massages that are open to the public, the burn building ribbon cutting, and financial aid nights.*
- *They also offer a food pantry and a clothes closet for all students and have partnered with Tri-County Help Center*
- *Their CCP numbers have drastically increased*
- *They have also hired two career pathway specialists to help CCP students as they navigate their start to their careers*

10:35 - 10:45 am: Franklin University, Credential/Pre-apprenticeship Options - *Keri Rosser*

- *She presented on the IT Pre-Apprenticeship option through Franklin University. They are able to earn CompTIA credentials. They can go either in Cyber Security or Information Technology.*
- *All courses are online and the testing voucher is included in the price.*
- *The courses do stack for each program. They both equal about 100 hrs. They end with a credentialing test.*
- *Franklin will give the student College credit to students that earn the credential.*
- *They can do it as a credential, a pre-apprenticeship, or a CCP class*
- *Contact information for Jonathan McCombs was provided in the slide show for more information.*

10:45 - 11:00 am: Round Table Topics of Involvement



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- Vikki from Bridgeport asked if the ESC is recruiting businesses to join You Science.
- Keri responded with yes, they provide that information as much as possible
- Jeremy Vittek shared information about the new Education Apprenticeship at the ESC. Students can apply attending any school. The final two years can be used for the apprenticeship. This will provide more classroom experience.
- Franklin University offers an opportunity to bypass student teaching by using the ESC's apprenticeship program.
- Lovel Quinn shared the importance of these meetings in order to network to create exciting opportunities for our students.

Please see Appendix A for the Sign-In Sheets.



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APPENDIX A

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First Name:	Last Name:	Company/School:	Signature:
Jeremy	Vitteck	ECOESC	
Zac	Shutler	Union Local	
Madeline	Fraley	Rolling Hills Local School	
Heather	Austin	Belmont-Harrison VSD	
Mindy	Haney	ECO/ESC Claymont Schools	
Lovel	Quinn	ECOESC/East Guernsey Local Schools	
Angela	Hicks	ECOESC / Shadyside	
Mike	Schlanz	BCDJFS/OMJ Belmont County	
Brent	Ripley	Bridgeport EVSD	
Vicki	Falcone	Bridgeport	
Pamela	McKim	Belmont Savings Bank	
Mark	Cook	ECOESC	
Eric	Francis	Belmont Career Center	Present
Chad	Tredway	Shadyside High School	
Rhonda	Eberhart	Union Local High School	
Dirk	DeCoy	ECO-ESC Belmont County	Present
Richard	Schoene	Belmont Harrison VSD	Present
Chad	Ware	Martins Ferry High School	
John	Bennett	Martins Ferry High School	



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Tricia	Nichols	ECOESC Cambridge HS	
Keri	Rosser	ECOESC	
Project	Quinn	Belmont College	
Nathan	BHS	Project BEST	
Ed	Good	VOV - CLC ATL-CIO	
Tom	Daley	UL	
Ran	Clark	Barnesville	
Justin	Klempe	Project Best	
Joe	Bail	Bellare	
Katie	Good	Tech Prep	
Terry	Robinson	Barnesville	
Blake	Wise	Bi-Con	
Sarah	Smith	OhioMeansJobs Belmont	