

Interagency Collaborative Team (ICT)

August 22, 2024

10:00 a.m.

GOOGLE MEETS

**ATTENDEES:** Sandra Adkins, Scott Adkins, Alyce Almond, Charla Austin, Melissa Bias, Gary Blankenship, Jonathon Compton, Amanda Cranfield, Amy Crook, Michael Crown, Barb Dawes, Amanda Dawson, Kristy Deem, David Dyer, Cydney Eades, Emily Hays-Miller, Jeff Huffman, Rosemary Guida, Will King, Maria Lewis, Lisa Lilly, Tara Martinez, Criss McCauley, Bill Monterosso, Adam Mouse, Haley Pegg, Maureen Persons, Angela Petry-Muslin, Ashley Puffenbarger, Andy Richardson, Jason Roberts, Beth Shoemaker, Lorrie Smith, Clayburne Stevens, Lori Turner, Brook Vernon, Xavier Walters, Tiffany Williams, Blake Caldwell, Bridgit Arnold, Heather Merritt, Maria Larry, Michael Ferrari

- **Michael Crown** opened the meeting and reminded everyone that the meeting was being recorded and transcribed. He asked for updates from the last meeting
  - **Bill Monterosso** - Bridge the Gap was an excellent event. We are going to have the same event every quarter and expand.
  - **Criss McCauley** - job fairs did not do as well as we had hoped. They ended up with three to six individuals that seemed to be pretty strong. But it is difficult to get traffic flow. Also, the partnership with Alyce Almond and her crew at DRS is going great. The monthly events are having great turnout.
  - **Maureen Persons** - August virtual job fair had about 130 employers this time. We had between 600-700 jobs posted. We also got our contract renewed, so we will begin promoting the September job fair soon.
- **Will King, WVU Health Affairs Institute** - West Virginia's public health institute; falls under the West Virginia University umbrella. WV Pathways to Professional In-Home Care (WVPPiHC) is our latest initiative. A task force discovered West Virginia will need an additional 3750 Direct Care Professionals (DCPs) in the next 4-5 years to meet the demand of the current aging population. As an outcome, the task force recommended implementing a Direct Care workforce training surge to recruit and train new DCPs. Our current goal is 800 new DCPs. The project started in June 2023. This is a paid training program. Participants receive \$50 per day during training. *Contact info - [william.king3@hsc.wvu.edu](mailto:william.king3@hsc.wvu.edu). A COPY OF THE SLIDESHOW PRESENTATION WILL BE SENT WITH THE MINUTES.*
- **Xavier Walter, Building Performance Association** - The Building Performance Association (BPA) is a nonprofit 501(c)3 industry association that serves as the hub for businesses, nonprofits, and government agencies working to make America's homes more comfortable, healthy, and energy efficient. Our areas of focus are: Inflation Reduction Act, Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, Weatherization, Workforce Development, Registered Apprenticeships and DEIA. We also participate in, and run pre-apprenticeship that include things like a 12 week "try it before you buy it" program where interns can come in for a period of time with an employer to see if they like the job. There is a huge need in the marketplace, especially with all the pending Federal legislation for these kinds of jobs. We want to give people more than just a standard job, we want to provide them with a career pathway that helps them understand and appreciate the work that they do and how it helps people and how it can save our planet. *Contact info - [xwalter@building-performance.org](mailto:xwalter@building-performance.org). A COPY OF THE SLIDESHOW PRESENTATION WILL BE SENT WITH THE MINUTES.*

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- **Heather Merritt, Region 2** - Heather presented on several different Youth participants and highlighted the work that Region 2 is doing. *Contact info* - [hmerritt@wvregion2.org](mailto:hmerritt@wvregion2.org). *A COPY OF THE SLIDESHOW PRESENTATION WILL BE SENT WITH THE MINUTES.*
- **Michael Crown** - The Follow-Up Policy is posted for review and comment here : <https://workforcewv.org/about-workforce-wv/newsroom/> or <https://workforcedb.wv.gov/pages/policies.aspx>

*Michael closed the meeting at 10:55 a.m.*

**All slideshow presentations and informational posters will be shared with the minutes.**

The next ICT meeting will be September 26, 2024 via Google Meets.

**\*\* ALL ICT MEETINGS ARE RECORDED AND TRANSCRIBED \*\***