

Interagency Collaborative Team (ICT)
November 21, 2024
10:00 a.m.
GOOGLE MEETS

Attendees: Sandra Adkins, Scott Adkins, Alyce Almond, Gary Blankenship, Danika Brown, Jonathan Compton, Josh Cox, Amanda Cranfield, Kristy Deem, David Dyer, Emily Hays-Miller, Brenda Huffman, Chad Ketchum, Eric Leach, Lisa Lilly, Tara Martinez, Criss McCauley, Nick Nunnery, Emily Pearson, Maureen Persons, Ashley Puffenbarger, Andy Richardson, David Rogers, Lorrie Smith, Phil Stephens, Lori Turner, Beth Shoemaker, Bridgit Arnold, Cheryl Stiles, Malissa Dishman, Maria Larry, Rosemary Guida

Jonathon Compton opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. and requested all to sign in through the chat. He also reminded everyone the meeting was being recorded. Jonathon asked if any partners had updates they would like to share, no one had any updates.

- Andy Richardson, Executive Director Region 3 Workforce Development Board, gave an update on the Region 3 AJC. Andy shared several items of interest including the clothing closet and community events that Region 3 hosts. Amanda will send the PowerPoint with the minutes.
- Eric Leach, Director of Government Affairs at the law firm ICE Miller - we work very closely with the Wireless Infrastructure Association (WIA) on broadband and 5G workforce issues. WIA represents over 200 companies that are in the broadband and wireless ecosystem. They own and operate over 140,000 telecom facilities globally. WIA is really focused on advocacy for the industry and specifically workforce development as it relates to the BEAD program and ensuring every state has the necessary workforce for the buildout so that the deployment doesn't get bogged down due to labor shortages. WIA is the USDOL's designated industry intermediary for apprenticeship in telecom, the program is called The Telecommunications Industry Registered Apprenticeship Program. There are 16 apprenticeable occupations that WIA oversees, over 5,700 apprentices across the country and over 100 employers currently that participate. Sector Strategies is going to be very important in West Virginia to bring this all together, education, local workforce boards, apprenticeships, OJTs, there will be lots of working parts. Amanda will share the slides with the minutes. Eric Leach contact info: Eric.Leach@icemiller.com
 - Lorrie Smith - I think the funding opportunities applications will probably open right after the first of the year. We really need to talk about and work on partnership opportunities to apply for that funding. Also, please keep in mind the grants assistance center that is helping folks apply for the funding. We are providing lots of resources for all of our partners to capture some type of funding from the BEAD money that's coming into WV.
- Jonathon closed the meeting at 10:49 a.m.

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