



DACC Existing Business and Workforce Development Committee		
	11-Mar-22	8:40 a.m. DACC Conference Room
Meeting called by	Jean Garniewicz	
Type of meeting	Existing Business and Workforce Development Committee	
Facilitator		
Note taker	Anita Patel	
Adjourned	9:30 a.m.	
Attendees	Jean Garniewicz, Kerry Bridges, Rick Evans	
Staff/Guests	Robbie Bennett, Anita Patel, Taylor Edwards	
Meeting Agenda		
1 minute(s)	Jean Garniewicz	
Discussion	A motion to approve the Agenda for the March 11, 2022 Existing Business and Workforce Development Committee Meeting was made by Kerry Bridges. Second: Rick Evans. The motion carries unanimously (3-0).	
Conclusions	None	
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
None	N/A	N/A
Minutes of Previous Meeting		
>1 minute(s)	Jean Garniewicz	
Discussion	A motion to approve the minutes for the January 14, 2022 Existing Business and Workforce Development Committee Meeting with correction was made by Kerry Bridges. Second: Rick Evans. The motion carries unanimously (3-0).	
Conclusions	None	
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
None	N/A	N/A
Old Business		
0 minute(s)	None	
Discussion	None	
Conclusions	None	
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
None	N/A	N/A



New Business		
0 minute(s)	None	
Discussion	None	
Conclusions	None	
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
None	N/A	N/A
Updates		
30 minute(s)	Robbie Bennett, Taylor Edwards	
Discussion	<p>Taylor Edwards shared the following update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -BeProBeProud - marketing/educational initiative specifically designed to engage the younger population and provide a fun, interactive experience to expose them to the different career choices and experiences available to them. Taylor shared the different levels of sponsorship available to support this program and discussion was held on the possible educational partnerships with CCBOE and/or other business partners in the community. - Taylor shared the Custom Career Explorer Website with the committee. Taylor has created an RFP detailing the idea to create a partnership with existing industry, customizable by employers. The RFP is almost complete, identifying partners and service providers. Pre-response questions are due March 23, the Q&A responses will be posted on March 25, bids will be due April 13, and interviews will be held April 18-20. This project is budgeted for next fiscal year, but a deposit will be made in this fiscal year once bids have been finalized. Robbie thanked Taylor for her hard work on this project. The Chamber of Commerce and their Executive committee have positive feedback and support for this project. Funding sources were discussed including workforce development funding from SRSCRO, DACC, County, and a fee structure for business to participate - Existing Industry is currently in growth mode, many have a large portion of employees who are ill. - Discussion on how "Teachers in Business", the job board, Chamber of Commerce & school system partnerships are beneficial to students, employers and community. She shared that "Teachers In Business" will be rebranded to "Educators In Business." - JobsEQ and RTI subscription is now active. Taylor shared website features with the committee. - JA Biztown information was shared with the committee. The proposed site is the Columbia County Schools bus depot building with this benefitting students from surrounding counties. The JA Biztown program is built in partnership with local community business/education partnerships. - Military Zone - benefits businesses with a job creation tax credit. Taylor recommending educating the community, local CPA and Banks as new census tracts may benefit many businesses that did not benefit from this zoning in previous years. 	
Conclusions		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
None	N/A	N/A
Adjournment		9:30:00 AM
Conclusions	Motion to adjourn: Kerry Bridges Second: Rick Evans Motion carries unanimously (3-0)	
Next meeting: May 13, 2022	DACC Conference Room	All