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Northwest Wisconsin Career Prep Consortium
October 4, 2018 – 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
WITC-Ashland Conference Center

Present: Jeanne Germain, John Will, Julie Thompson, Leslie Bleskacek, Brenda Kretzchmar, Andrew Eaton, Dan Miller, Christy Roshell, Heidi Sigford, Jerry Walters, Dede Maki, Danielle Carley, Connie Erickson, Brad Gingras

Absent: Jeff Muse, Pam Brunclik

Recorder: Roxanne Lusua, WITC-Ashland

Agenda Item	Responsible Party	Discussion/Information	Actions/Outcomes
9:00 - Welcome and Introductions	Jeanne Germain	9:05 a.m. meeting began The new grant cycle will begin July 1, 2019. She will be getting the grant ready in a month or so Members introduced themselves along with their length of time on consortium	
9:15 – WITC Strategic Plan, Facilities, and Organizational Update	John Will	⇒Our Strategic Plan is a 3-year process and July started a new set of initiatives. Enrollments are up. DPI collects data on the states’ many schools. Most schools are promoting 4-year colleges to students, some students are hearing of a 2-year education while some students may enter the military but many students also have no plans to further their education after high school. Students should be encouraged to attend at 2-year college first and then a 4-year college; getting them to come to a 2-year college would lower their debt. Plan at Hudson for Business Management while in school, shorter term. Attainment rate 48% in WI; post-secondary 37% in our region Employers need more workers that are qualified; more open-access for students to come, backing off on testing for entrance; motivation and environment are more factors of student success than testing; remediation is not proving to be helpful to set students to college level work.	

		<p>⇒Balsam Lake Outreach facility is a link site to campuses and has been approved by the HLC. Siren is a small facility owned by Sof-Tec, for which we have a per-use agreement with WITC signage. ⇒Regarding the WITC organization, we are looking at becoming more centralized and consistent with our one-institution philosophy and re-emphasizing local access with supervisors, community engagements, etc.</p>	
<p>9:30 - Career Prep Grant Activities Update</p>	<p>Various</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FTF Summer 2018/Future – Brenda along with Christy 24th yr of Facilitating the Future including ServSafe & Building Bridges (started in Shell Lake & went all over the place); Spooner Machine, DNR Fish Hatchery, Washburn County, Shell Lake Woodcrafters, Frontier Ag & Turf, and a Hospital & Clinic • Educator Externships – Brenda 40-hr job shadow – 6 participants for career prep; would like to have more participate and can have up to 14; can also be a paid externship; handout showed the participants, which district, their externship site and the content area; much discussion • Dual Credit Day Update – Jeanne for Natalie • Dual Credit Day is Wednesday, October 24th in Rice Lake. We have 37 teachers registered from 23 schools, interested in reviewing 61 classes.2018-19 Articulation Agreements – Jeanne for Natalie In 2006-07 articulated classes started with 8 classes and today we have 464 classes; we can reasonably articulate 2 new classes per year • ACP Updates – Brenda, Andy Working with DPI on Career Cruising Workshop (2-day), in Spring 2019; each CESA district to send their person; ACP 101 for all the new people in the district; in Fall 2018 with 	

		<p>Dan in the nursing field & manufacturing WI Pathways October 7th @ WITC-Ashland; bring together with businesses, experiences so kids get thru their ACP part; partner with entities and special education; district site visits – get 2 less plans from each district; inspire 2 regions – north/south – get momentum with grades 6-12 in career cruising and pick a path finder.</p> <p>Inspire Northward – just rolling out new – Spring 2019 start. Kids can investigate and see what their career can look like and see what post-secondary education looks like. Starting at grade 6 thru 12 and create a seamless transition to college. Parents can also use/access career cruising.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Career Days & Other Events – Dede WITC-Ashland: Senior Showcase October 19, 2018, a day in the life with current student panel discussions; Career Day February 28, 2019, hands-on events for WITC programs WITC-New Richmond: Career Day November 28, 2018, adding their new programs & feel the seniors will really want to check them out; Shadow Day April 24, 2019, participate in classes WITC-Rice Lake: Career Day February 28, 2019, a lot of activities; 8th Grade Career Day March 24, 2019 WITC-Superior: Career Day November 8, 2018, free application fee that day, dental assistant is new; Cosmetology Open House November 13, 2018; Senior Show Case February 2019, similar to Ashland’s Career Prep funds are used for above career activities • Tech Ed for Teachers – Jeanne 4 sessions/3 campuses – welding, CNC & architectural drafting have new articulations • The Pulse Healthcare Camp – Brad 	
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10:15 - Break	All		
10:30 - WTCS Career Prep Update & DWD Grant Information	Jeanne Germain	<p>UW schools considering reduced tuition for general studies teachers who wish to articulate – 50% break on some grad studies courses.</p> <p>Start College Now (Tech Colleges) vs Early College Credit (UW Colleges – youth options change in names, people have a lot of questions with this as DPI doesn't talk about the tech colleges</p>	

		<p>and pushes the UW colleges, but our admissions offices have been doing a good job of doing so. A student cannot do both in the same term. Online Early College Credit may not apply (?). There is a software – Dual Enroll – being used but it is not a secure option. We will wait on this option.</p> <p>Reduced credits for teachers to get school credit certified for dual credit – we are creating curriculum, in lieu of occupational hours for them to get certified – financial accounting, medical terminology (self-paced), welding (all classes); initially for teachers with advanced standing; textbook and learning resources provided – Goal is to eventually have this opportunity for all of our classes.</p> <p>Fast-Track Fridays – DWD Grant</p>	
10:45 - High School Academy Updates	Jeanne Germain	<p>Handouts given out re: numbers for the following: 464 2018-19 Agreements in 47 schools Dual Credit Day is Wednesday, October 24, 2018 in Rice Lake with 37 teachers registered from 23 schools interested in reviewing 61 classes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dual Credit Welding at New Richmond (14 students); Rice Lake (14) Dual Credit Construction Essentials St Croix Central (9); Hayward (11) Contracted Construction Essentials Clayton (7) Dual Credit Financial Services Customer Rep Siren (9) Contracted Automotive Technician Superior on Campus (6) <p>New Activities/Marketing: ACP On-Campus Teacher In-Service ACP Guide (in progress)</p> <p>Search Career Prep on witec.edu web site for advanced standing and dual credit agreements</p>	
11:00 – WITC Programming Update	Christy Roshell	<p>Pathway updates: HVAC/R in Superior (pending Advisory Committee & WTCS approval) for <i>Refrigeration Essentials & HVAC Mechanic</i> Construction & Cabinetmaking in Rice Lake (pending WTCS approval) for <i>Architectural Woodworking/Cabinetmaking</i></p>	

		<p>Farm Operation career pathway (pending WTCS approval) for <i>Crop Production, Livestock Production & Farm Business Management (title pending)</i></p> <p>Technical Diplomas Updates:</p> <p>Early Childhood Education career pathway (pending Advisory Committee & WTCS approval) for <i>Professional Credential for Preschool Teachers (Wisconsin)-Online</i> (this is currently a technical certificate)</p> <p>Gerontology-Aging Services Professional career pathway (pending Advisory Committee & WTCS approval) for <i>End of Life</i></p> <p>Hospitality Specialist career pathway (pending WTCS approval) for <i>Hospitality Essentials</i></p>	
11:15 – WITC Admissions Update	Katie Rybak	Admissions testing has been shown to have no correlation with student success and, therefore, has been eliminated for entrance into most WITC programs. Our marketing team has created a handout that Katie distributed entitled “Getting Started is Simple!” that explains how to get started at WITC and which programs need testing scores for entrance and which do not. She also shared a list of resources that are available to our students to assist them in being successful.	
11:30 – Lunch	All		
12:15 – Agency Updates	All	<p>Dan – 1st Career Pathways ready for roll out; November 14, 2018 second State Forum for Pathways</p> <p>Leslie – Hudson High School construction almost done – complete in December 2018 – new labs, etc. – Business Management Pathway will be available there</p> <p>Danielle – Work-based Learning Grand funded through WTCS; a lot of new changes at LCO; two new grants from Great Lakes; trying to help students succeed; transportation is a challenge for people as they are so isolated, the people want the hands-on education at WITC but can’t get there</p> <p>Dede – Reiterated Katie Rybak’s information in the counseling area emphasizing the Start College Now; Superior Campus</p>	

		<p>instructors are retiring, some construction is going on, the front of the campus will be the back and the back will now be the front of the campus facing UW Superior</p> <p>Heidi – Superior School District \$90 million construction with new elementary and remodel at Middle School; they have a new superintendent</p> <p>Julie – New Success Class she now teaches; looking at more main events at the school, hands-on events for the students, doing a “Cabin Fever” day in January</p> <p>Andy – Reauthorization of Perkins; DPI in transition year; changes are up in the air</p> <p>Brenda – Providing professional development in Agriculture, Drafting and Culinary; how to change programing; looking at partnerships and increasing partner roles; developing relationships</p> <p>Brad – AHECs have changed funding nationally – only 10% on pipeline activities; funds rolling into college students; WITC’s science students, enhancement to college students. The Interprofessional Healthcare Case Competition was held in January of 2018 in the Wisconsin Dells for college student teams of different academic backgrounds who are given scenarios to solve consisting of a 3-page report and a budget. WITC-Ashland students came in 3rd the last two years and this year teams from Ashland and New Richmond are going to participate in Wisconsin Dells.</p> <p>Rhinelanders will hold a Healthcare Education Event, “Developing Trends on Youth Today”, an I-Gens presentation</p> <p>Jerry – Continue to work cooperatively and collaboratively instead of reinventing the wheel; doing great work</p> <p>John – Federal legislature – Carl Perkins Act passed not long ago, some increases in funding, some cuts at state level, some common ground. Thanks to everyone for working hard on these partnerships.</p>	
1:00 – Ashland Campus Tour	Karen Hoglund		

<p>1:30 - Career Prep Grant Work Session</p>	<p>All</p>	<p>After reviewing the FY20 Career Prep Grant Objectives, Domains and allowable expenses, the group generated a list of potential uses for the grant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mobile training at high school? • Simulators • Work-based learning opportunities • YA work-related courses • Summer CNA (YA paid tuition) • OSHA 10 • JobQuest in lieu of Employability Skills • “Grow Your Own” teacher education pathway • Online Facilitating the Future Options • Alternative Licensing Options (FQAS?) 	<p>Jeanne will research viability of options presented and take into consideration in developing FY20 Grant Application.</p>
<p>2:20 - Next Meeting Dates</p>	<p>Jeanne Germain</p>		<p>January 10, 2019, 9 – 12 (ITV/BlueJeans) April 11, 2019 in Shell Lake October 3, 2019 in Rice Lake</p>