

Present: Lauren Carney, Matthew Cavalli, Tricia Edgell, Mary Gustas, Shawn Premer, Eric Stewart

Absent: Russell Lauderdale, Juan Ortiz, Carla Sones

KVCC: Rachel Bair, Mark Dunneback, Paige Eagan, Craig Jbara, Tracy Labadie, Bill Gould-McElhone, Kate Miller,

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1. Acceptance of Agenda
 - a. The agenda was accepted as written
 2. Discussion of term limits and recommended new members:
 - a. Dan Pontius (MRC Industries)
 - b. Katie Harmon (FlavorSum)
 3. Grant Updates
 - a. Rachel Bair presented the following grant updates
 - i. A corn de-kerneler recently arrived at the Valley Food Hub that was purchased as part of a local food promotion grant received in 2019 and greatly improves processing efficiency and safety
 - ii. Currently working on a grant from the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development Farm Innovation Program which would fund projects with other food hub programs in Michigan to expand markets and fully leverage other grants.
 - iii. Funding to be announced for a USDA local food purchase grant which will provide funds to buy food, build relationships with local farmers and provide emergency food assistance partners.
 - b. Kate Miller presented the following Career and Continuing Ed updates
 - i. SNAP Ed program
 - We recently finished a sub-contracted project with Bronson.
 - This grant served 130 families and enabled confirmation of outcome metrics.
 - KVCC has outgrown the subcontract status (3 years) and, as a result, was awarded a grant through the Michigan Fitness Foundation for the next round.
 - ii. MiLEAP program
 - Has been underway for a little over one year, showing great progress in some areas while revealing challenges in other areas such as staffing and recruitment.
 - A new Program Navigator, Adam Westhouse, was recently hired.
 - A Program Manager replacement has been posted.
 - To date, in collaboration with Northside Association-Community (NACD), we have conducted four CNC programs and one Medical Billing & Coding Academy.



- a. Other partners include Urban Alliance, Kalamazoo Promise, KRESA and Southwest Michigan Works.
 - With the recent CNA instructor hire (Rachel Anderton) and subsequent state certifications, planning is underway to kickoff this program early in 2023.
 - We are working with Allied Health to develop a Sterile Lab Processing program.
 - Other MiLeap details:
 - a. Partnership with Kellogg Community College to provide workforce training for 400+ participants.
 - b. This grant will be extended through 2023.
 - c. Our programs focus on core neighborhoods in Kalamazoo.
4. Kate Miller presented Career and Continuing Ed department updates
 - a. Phlebotomy - September 2022 academy is currently underway.
 - b. Community Culinary & Nutrition
 - i. A full open enrollment schedule for the Fall has been completely filled with waiting lists in multiple classes
 - ii. Lizzie Luchsinger is working with Harvard University and the Spalding Institute to create a chef certificate program (first of its kind) in Kalamazoo.
 - c. Corporate Training
 - i. Demand remains high for workforce training.
 - ii. We anticipate business partner requests to drastically increase as the Going Pro grant allocations are initiated.
 - d. Comstock Compass Cohort
 - i. This six-year relationship began with training the students on Basic Mechanical and Electrical Safety. Now we are able to offer a wider array of career exploration for the students. The program is funded by a grant obtained by Dawn Krasts from Comstock.
 - e. Cannabis online programs
 - i. The three workforce training programs are experiencing steady enrollment.
 - ii. A new Cannabis Therapeutics program will launch for health care professionals will launch in late October.
 - f. Referrals at the Kalamazoo Defenders Office have been increasing
5. Craig Jbara provided the following Technical Training Services (TTS) updates in Tom Sutton's absence:
 - a. WTTA26 students have begun their class project to get the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan wind turbine online
 - i. The broken turbine is projected to be operational before end of 2022
 - ii. The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan has asked that we form an educational agreement to provide maintenance going forward
 - b. TTS has been designated as the Train-the-Trainer site for wind turbine technician training in English speaking countries by the BZEE.
 - i. Trainees from Vietnam arrive on October 24, 2022 and will spend 32 days in our program



- ii. Currently negotiating with Thailand and Japan to send trainees to us
 - iii. Australia will send teachers here in February 2023
 - c. TTS staff continue to support the Corporate Training Department by providing instruction and equipment for technical trainings such as Electrical, Robotics and Mechanical courses
 - d. A training contract has been established with Consumers Energy that will begin in December to train their wind energy trainers for fall protection, advanced first aid, and advanced rescue from wind turbines. TTS has also provided consulting services to help them build their training programs.
 - e. The Golden Valley Electrical Association (Alaska) has asked for more Fall Protection Train-the-Trainer classes in 2023. They have requested on site training in the power plants in Healy Alaska.
 - f. The wind turbine nacelle, that was donated by Heritage Sustainable Energy of Traverse City MI, is now in use in the Wind Turbine Technician Academy lab.
- 6. Rachel Bair provided the following Sustainable & Innovative Food Systems updates
 - a. Open Enrollment life enrichment classes have begun with high community participation
 - b. The Kalamazoo Roots Home Gardening program has ended for the season with very successful outcomes
 - c. The Sustainable Horticulture Program has been officially approved by the Higher Learning Commission to be launched in winter of 2023, with two classes on the schedule
 - i. This program has been assigned to the Dean of Math and Sciences, Erin Shufro
 - d. The FIC helped rewrite the curriculum for the AGF 212 Agriculture Foods and Processing course
 - e. In partnership with the Kalamazoo Valley Museum, planning is underway for the 2023 Foodways Symposium with a theme “Food and Media” that aligns with the Wonder Media exhibit at the museum
- 7. Craig Jbara provided the following Law Enforcement & Academy updates
 - a. The upcoming January 2023 Police Academy is full
 - b. The current Police Academy hosted a successful Expanding Your Horizons event
 - c. The Corrections Academy began on October 17th
 - d. We are exploring the creation of Continuing Ed and open enrollment classes related to law enforcement.
- 8. Mark Dunneback provide the following updates
 - a. Working with KRESA to identify collaboration and student engagement opportunities with its new Career Connect Center.
 - b. Exploring options to repackage or customize educational offerings in Business & Technical Careers division.
 - c. Participation numbers are increasing for apprenticeships (e.g. electrical).
 - d. Currently posting a job for a Manufacturing Lab Technician.
 - e. Hired two fulltime faculty for HVAC and EDMT in the fall.
 - f. Currently collaborating with Tom Sutton’s department regarding renewable energy to integrate competency-based training at the Groves into credit class curriculum.



9. Paige Eagan provided the following updates
 - a. Health careers
 - i. Intentional about planning, so non-credit can ladder into credit programs
 - CNA to LPN program, then LPN to RN
 - ii. Winter 2023 will have the first RN cohort admitted through holistic admissions
 - For the Fall LPN cohort, three students received a full number of points under the new holistic admissions – two of which would have not been admitted under a standard admission process.
 - iii. Bridge programs
 - Existing LPN to RN program, building CNA to LPN
 - Currently exploring the concept and practicality of developing a Paramedic to RN educational bridge as well as an RCP to RN
 - iv. Working with Kate Miller on how to have the sterile processing program fit into a credit program.
 - v. Continuing to work and look at expansion and partnership with the RN students through concurrent enrollments with a variety of university partners such as our existing partnership with Davenport.
 - b. Considering different ways to leverage the uniqueness of our culinary programs such as the sustainability piece and food as medicine
 - c. Havirmill Café is open Monday - Thursday for lunch
 - d. Taps on Tuesday has started again with the culinary students running it as part of their coursework.
10. Discussion
 - a. LPN's in a healthcare environment
 - b. Request for collaboration opportunities from our advisory board members
 - c. KRESA training center linkage to better service the community
 - d. Kalamazoo Valley Museum has had two recent successful events:
 - i. A HeLa Story: Mother of Modern Medicine
 - ii. The Forgotten Fighters of the Kalamazoo Boxing Academy
11. Meeting adjourned

Next Meeting: January 13, 2023
Kalamazoo Valley Groves Campus (or *Virtually through Zoom*)
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