

- Present: Lauren Carney, Matt Cavalli, Tricia Edgell, Mary Gustas, Katie Harmon, Juan Ortiz, Dan Pontius, Shawn Premer, Eric Stewart,
- Absent: Russell Lauderdale, Carla Sones
- KVCC: Rachel Bair, Craig Jbara, Tracy Labadie, Bill McElhone, Kate Miller

1. Acceptance of Agenda

- The agenda was accepted as written

2. Grant Updates

Kate Miller

- MiLeap
 - Currently opening up the use of this grant for the current Healthcare Academies such as Phlebotomy and Patient Care
 - On January 26th, a new class is being piloted; Sterile Processing Certification Prep.
 - i. Eight students currently attending
 - There are 200 allocations left to use by June 24, 2023
 - Discussion of expanding types of trainings to customer service and office skills
 - i. The current MiLEAP academies all have soft skills embedded within their programs
- Going Pro Talent Fund
 - i. Currently waiting for the awards to be announced with the anticipation of a busy training regiment for Corporate Training once they're allocated
- SNAP Ed
 - i. On February 16th, the Culinary and Nutrition department will run The Learning Kitchen program again; one class for high schoolers and the second for middle schoolers
 - ii. These classes are held virtually with the option to pick up the groceries at the Culinary and Allied Health Building
 - In collaboration with the Food Innovations Center to provide the groceries for this class
 - The virtual option has allowed for wider participation
 - iii. Currently participating in community research to ensure we are focusing our efforts in the correct way

Rachel Bair

- The Sustainable Horticulture Program, which has been an eight-year long project, launched the week of January 13th with a full roster
 - The fall 2023 class also has a full roster
- A large grant is coming but was delayed due to paperwork. The announcement is estimated for April 1, 2023
 - i. This grant would allow the Valley Food Hub to purchase food from local producers then, in collaboration with partners such as Loaves and Fishes, to get the food to the community
 - ii. It is expected to move 1.6 million dollars' worth of food over the next two years



3. Department Updates

- Rachel Bair
 - i. The 1st Annual Valley Hub Summit was hosted on January 12th with the theme of “Local Food to Local Plates”
 - 70 partners met at the Texas Township Campus, then broke out to the downtown campuses
 - After the summit, five school districts expressed interest in receiving local food from the Valley Food Hub
 - ii. Discussion of the Food Safety Modernization Act, which passed in 2014, with an enforcement framework rolled out 2018 through 2022 due to a lack of workforce for the state and federal government.

- Kate Miller
 - i. Community Culinary and Nutrition
 - 90 students from the WMED program attended Food as Medicine Training
 - Positions have been posted to gain more assistance for this department
 - ii. Health Careers
 - There will be an EMT Instructor/Coordination class in May 2023
 - A new KRESA CNA class began in January while the the November 2022 class is in clinicals
 - The adult Patient Care Academy launched in January with a new instructor
 - In March, the NACD will be a hosting a Patient Care Academy through the Mi-LEAP program; dependent on approval from the State of Michigan for licensing the site
 - Currently working to create a second Mi-LEAP Medical Billing and Coding class with a refined timeframe
 - iii. Corporate Training
 - This department is receiving consistent demand for several types of training such as Building Team Trust, Leadership: Coaching on the Frontline, the mechatronic series, Fanuc Robotics, Root Cause Analysis.
 - Continuing to provide classes for MIOSHA due to high demand
 - iv. Community and Life Enrichment
 - Currently working with Ed Genesis to provide both youth and adult programming
 - In the planning stages with Calvin Winfield for revitalizing the opportunities for artists from our community to record their music
 - a. This area is currently losing talent to other cities due to this lack of access
 - There are currently 100 participants in the Cannabis Training Workforce
 - Continuing our relationship with Comstock Compass High School
 - a. Increased tours has led to career exploration in areas such as mechatronics, culinary and phlebotomy.
 - b. Students are able to receive certificates of completion
 - Working to reschedule a culinary training with the Bureau of Services for Blind Persons for the end of March 2023



- Technical Training Services (TTS):
 - i. All WTTA26 students received all certifications
 - As a class project, these students did the majority of the repair work on the wind turbine that belongs to the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan, including the reconfiguration of the electrical system
 - a. Unfortunately, they were unable to complete the project due to one piece of equipment
 - WTTA recently hired Forrest Maxwell as an instructor which will allow us to increase the number of students we accept in to the academy
 - a. He must complete the WTTA academy alongside our current students
 - ii. Five industry professionals from Vietnam participated in 4 weeks of wind turbine technician Train-the-Trainer program as a part of our agreement with BZEE as the training site for English speaking countries.
 - iii. The mechatronics team will continue to collaborate with Corporate Training as demand increases for these types of training due to the Going Pro Talent Funds being awarded for 2023
 - iv. There will be an ISO 9001 three-year audit in March 2023
 - Law Enforcement Training Center (LETC):
 - i. The 94th Police Academy graduated 23 cadets, all of whom are employed
 - The State of Michigan recently awarded 30 million to agencies to send people through police academies
 - The most recent police academy is set to begin on January 23, 2023 starting with 28 cadets
 - ii. The next Corrections Academy will begin on February 13, 2023
4. Advisory Board Discussion
- Eric Stewart updated the board on the new Career Center that is currently under construction
 - i. Supply chain issues have impacted the progress of building this new facility, but the design of the building is now locked in
 - ii. Estimated to open in the fall of 2025
 - Dan Pontius presented the continued collaboration with Rachel Bair in looking at future grant opportunities
 - Discussion of the childcare shortage in the community and how that is impacting employers and the employed
 - i. There are certification programs out there to get training to become a childcare employee but the main barrier is cost of education versus pay
5. Meeting adjourned

Next Meeting: April 7, 2023
Kalamazoo Valley Groves Campus (*In-Person / Zoom Hybrid*)
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