Career Pathway Action Notes Meeting #2
Wednesday November 29, 2017

Attending- Kathryn Rogalski (Harper), Sean Jensen (ECC), Brian Durham (ICCB), Jennifer Foster (ICCB), Ron Smith (NIU), Bridgit French (RPS), Reid Jutras (RPS), Gina Caronna (RVC), Jon Furr (NIU), Jon Mandrell (SVCC), Tad Everett (Sterling), Michael Carr (Oakton), Jim Nelson (IMA), Susan Busenbark (RVC), Amy Murphy (JJC), Jason Harper (Rochelle), Terri Berryman (McHenry), Nik Butenhoff (Belv), Marcy Thompson (ECC), Diana Robinson (NIU), Cythia Garcia (W. Aurora), Amy Jo Clemens (NIU)

Co-chairs- Andrea Messing-Mathie and Gina Caronna-Marvin

1. Update on survey about industry credentials currently available to high school students in Illinois – Amy Jo
   - Working with Area Vocational Career Center Directors to have access to the data they have collected statewide on industry credentials for high school students
   - Team was also reminded to work with Nathan Wilson from ICCB and the national credential registry project
   - West Aurora is adding a credential in Health Information Management

2. Update on the state work on PWR career endorsement competencies – Andrea
   Reviewed the process followed to create the competencies in the first four sectors and reviewed a snapshot of a sample endorsement. Finally, the set of competencies was reviewed.
   - Ed Systems Center partnered with Jobs for the Future to bring employer groups together in the 4 priority sectors and create 10 technical competencies and 10 employability competencies.
   - Work was aligned to the Essential Employability work of ICCB and cross walked with the Department of Labor pyramid on skills
   - Some new competencies emerged so those will have to be vetted
   - Employability competencies appearing in more than one sector are stated the same
   - These competencies are intended to be foundational and if local partnerships want to add competencies for their particular businesses they can

The actual endorsement structure/courses will be determined locally by the high schools. This will heighten the importance of industry credentials in high school
Connections to WIOA will be done over time – first will be inviting the local Workforce Investment Boards into the local work
4 year institutions are interested- especially SIUE

Next steps – WIB Webinar on competencies December 18th. Registration information will be forwarded to the team.

Feb 22nd meeting will be focused on networking around local implementation of the work- including lessons learned, etc.
3. No update on CTE dual credit – the Early College Opportunities group has distributed a survey to P-20 Network community colleges and high schools to kick-start an effort to create cohorts of teachers becoming qualified to teach dual credit. The focus is on academic dual credit first since that takes the Masters and 18 hours at minimum, but the plan is to duplicate the project for CTE dual credit next semester.

Review deliverables from the Sept CEO meeting (if time)

30 day (October meeting)
- Develop plan for defining and scaling industry-based credentials in the four priority areas
- Agree to statewide/regional language that defines what is not a pathway and what is a pathway in all of its parts.

By Feb 2018 (November and January work)
- Methods and incentives to increase number of instructors qualified to teach CTE courses
- Identification of 1-2 key industry credentials per priority area that are backed by regional employers
- Identification of programs that result in students’ employment
- Identification of programs informed by employer needs and return of employees for more training
- Review of draft state pathway definition
- Understanding of how the state definition is being operationalized at CC and university levels

NEXT MEETING – Mtg #3 – January 11th from 9 am – 10 am in Lowden Hall 304 or 815 753-0014