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GEAUGA COUNTY BUSINESS ADVISORY COUNCIL

Tuesday, May 19, 2020

1:00 PM

Zoom Meeting Minutes

1. Roll Call: Jennifer Felker, Kimm Leininger, Becky Oliver, Jennifer Sabol, John Epprecht, Angela Spalsbury, Betsy Covington, Craig Sernick, Jaina Gandolfi, John Stoddard, Juliana Petti, Suzanne Wilson, Tamee Tucker, Greg Slemons, Sally Gillmore, Richard Markwardt, Guest: Amy Palker, ESCWR
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Motion to begin the meeting at 1:03 pm made by John Stoddard, seconded by Kimm Leininger
4. Motion to approve January 15, 2020 meeting minutes made by John Stoddard and seconded by Angela Spalsbury. Kimm Leininger and Greg Slemons abstain
5. COVID-19 and Schools: ODE guidelines/requirements for restart of schools, transportation issues, some families may not choose to send kids next year.

Berkshire to launch a virtual academy for anyone not comfortable coming back to school. Working on cleaning buildings. Schools couldn't do 3 shifts like businesses. Social distancing will be very difficult for classrooms. Liability

Cardinal - Survey to families to seek information on preference of blended model or virtual learning.

West Geauga - Transportation going to be difficult. Need more guidance from ODE. Reduction in force. Work with essential businesses to assist in reopening.

Schools discussing virtual learning and blended model. The impact of COVID-19 to the workforce and opportunities for students.

Kimm Leininger - Did 2 surveys. Last year survey 55% businesses looking for new employees/staff. This year's survey about 20%.
Work with GGP & survey.

Craig Sernik - Workforce turned upside down due to COVID. Unemployment claims more now than in the last 3 years.

John Epprecht - trying to feed America. Still waiting on decisions on restaurants. Most food industries running at capacity. Great Lakes will be looking to hire employees, due to expanding.

Suzanne Wilson, Kinetico. Biggest challenges, keeping 3 shifts going. Trying to make buildings safe for employees.

6. Data Collection

Higher ED trends - Dr. Spalsbury, Kent State- not sure what enrollment is going to look like. Budget cut 20%. Will also have to cut staff. Partnering with GGP for virtual trainings. Will do a presentation at next meeting in August

Tamee Tucker - building communications

For next agenda: Higher Ed-Dr. Spalsbury, Craig Sernik, Kimm Leininger and building communication

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:05pm made by Tamee Tucker, seconded by Kimm Leininger

Next meeting TBD