



Iowa Sector Connect – Transportation & Logistics Group Call Notes

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Thursday, November 14th

8:30 – 9:30 AM

Purpose: Opportunity for Transportation & Logistics sector partnership teams from across the state to network and share updates about their programs, offer recommendations/best practices, and ask questions of one another so that each program continues to grow and thrive.

Attendance: Ashley Grimm (KCC), Sara Goedken (NICC), Joe Collins (IDOE).

Special Topic – Opportunities in TDL career pathways

A portion of the call was spent reviewing a preliminary finished draft from the publisher/designer for the Transportation, Distribution, & Logistics (TDL) career pathways project. A final product is being prepared for release in December.

Team/Program Updates

Kirkwood – The group met recently and had Stuart Turner from the Iowa DOT join to discuss plans for the I380/I80 interchange and various other topics/questions from the employer members. Hope to continue to practice of bringing in guest speakers or subject matter experts, as identified by the group. Ron Corbett is joining for the December meeting to discuss politics impacting the industry.

The annual Rollin Rally event is being planned for June/July 2020. Many employers are interested in being sponsors and/or bringing vehicles for this interactive experience day that gets bigger and bigger each year.

The group is also currently working on a shared landing page all industries to make it easier for students, educators, parents, job seekers, and others to find career information that matches their career interest type. Currently not every industry has a page and those that do are separate from one another based on industry. Two members from each of the local sector boards recently met to review as a collective goal and there was unanimous support and excitement to get something in place soon.

Northeast – NICC is beginning a second truck-driving course soon. Had 5 students in the last cohort and 90% have been placed for employment. Another 5 students have signed up for the next session. Hoping word will spread and more students will sign up. There is a big local need for drivers.

One area of focus for the future is to develop a CDL course offering for those who may need one, but don't plan to ever drive over-the-road. This would be for those who work on a farm, drive buses, etc... and will never drive a large semi-tractor/trailer. How do we offer a shorter, customized version for this population?

General/State/Misc Updates

Sector Partnership Webinar Training Series (July-August 2019): The IDOE partnered with the [Next Generation Sector Partnership](#) team to offer a series of Iowa-exclusive sector partnership webinars for anyone interested in or currently active with sector strategies. Recordings of the 5-part series can be viewed on the main sector partnership [site](#) or on the [Iowa Sector Connect](#) YouTube channel. Each session is 90 minutes, consisting of a 60-minute review of topics by Next Gen national consultants and 30-minute Q&A from the audience.

Industry-Specific Work-Based Learning Toolkits: The IDOE is working on a series of industry-themed work-based learning toolkits aimed at helping to build out more work-based learning opportunities across the state for employers. This is often the next step for students interested in a field, such as classroom speakers, job shadows, or internships, but employers and educators often struggle with connecting the dots to put something in place. These new toolkits will help with providing successful examples, as well as additional considerations and forms, templates, and other resources to make it easier to design, build, and launch a program. A Health Science [toolkit](#) as released in August and one for Advanced Manufacturing is planned for October. Similar guides will be produced going forward in the building trades, TDL, and other industries.

Clearinghouse for Work-Based Learning: One aspect of Future Ready Iowa initiative that relates closely with many of the goals of sector partnership teams is a new web site that will act as a clearinghouse for work-based learning opportunities across the state. Employers will be able to post projects online for students from across the state to apply for and begin working on to earn valuable work-skills and experience. The full site and project board are now live at Clearinghouse.FutureReadyIowa.gov. Contact Joe to learn more and to brainstorm idea of how to get local employers more involved.

AmeriCorps Sector Partnership Support: Funding has been secured to assist sector partnership teams with support for their local initiatives surrounding employer engagement, marketing/outreach, and career pathway development. An informative webinar is being planned currently that will help teams better understand this exciting new program and how to apply.

2019/2020 Call Schedule

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2019 – 01/10, 03/14, 05/09, 07/11, 09/12, 11/14

2020 – 01/09, 03/12, 05/14, 07/09, 09/10, 11/12