



Economic and Workforce Development  
 Subcommittee Meeting Minutes  
 September 5, 2019  
 8:30am – 10:00am

Meeting Attendees:	Adriene Pendery, Betty Beth Johns, Chad Patton, Daniel VanderMolen, Deb Martis, Jamon Alexander, Jennifer Summers, John VanElst, Lorena Aguayo-Marquez, Lynda Sweigart, Lynne Bosma, Michelle Bryk, Monica Light, Bob McKown, Tammy Britton, Tawana Brown, Trenessa Allen, Tony Calcagno, Trenessa Allen, Valerie Butler, Willie Patterson, Laura St. Louis, Joyanne Huston-Swanson		
Time Convened:	8:33	Time Adjourned:	9:33

<b>Introductions</b>	
Chad opened the meeting and invited attendees to introduce themselves	
<b>Movimiento Cosecha/Licenses for All Update</b>	<b>Catalina</b>
Discussion	
Catalina from Movimiento Cosecha provided an overview of their advocacy efforts toward driver licenses for all. Movimiento Cosecha started working on driver licenses for immigrants as a result of a change in interpretation that people without legal status couldn't have a driver license.	
Rationale:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Family separation does not just happen at boarder but locally when people come in contact with law enforcement. A stop for a simple traffic infraction can lead to deportation which results in separation of families.</li> <li>• Driving is so essential for immigrant families to carry out life including work, access to health care, shopping and other routine household activities.</li> <li>• Driver licensing is a state responsibility. Many states allow people without documents to have a driver license for public safety reasons. (NY is one example)</li> <li>• Provides identification for opening a bank account, buying auto insurance and reporting a crime.</li> </ul>	
"License Lets You Drive," a video about the importance of driver licenses to both immigrants and the general public was shared.	
Driving Michigan Forward is a statewide coalition of organizations working toward driver licenses for all. Legislation is expected to be introduced this fall. A sign in sheet to receive information about the advocacy initiative was distributed. Michigan's Governor, Secretary of State and Attorney General support driver licenses for all.	
<b>ACLU Smart Justice Project &amp; Bail and Pretrial Incarceration Taskforce Updates</b>	<b>Tammy Britton</b>
Discussion	
Tammy Britton provided an overview update on the smart justice campaign. Rich Jones from ACLU is willing to present to groups about house meetings. If interested contact Wende or Tammy.	
Tammy Britton shared that there is an opportunity for public input to the Michigan Jail & Pretrial Incarceration Task Force. The Task Force is chaired by the Lt. Governor Gilchrist and is seeking to understand experiences and problems related to pretrial incarceration.	



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A meeting and opportunity for public testimony will be held September 20, 2019

- Meeting (open to the public) 9:30 to 12:30
- Public testimony 1 to 4 pm
- GRCC Student Community Center rm 234
- [JailsTaskForce@courts.mi.gov](mailto:JailsTaskForce@courts.mi.gov)

Talent 2025 and the Grand Rapids Chamber are submitting testimony.

Tammy encouraged organizations to present testimony, particularly written testimony as there was so much interest in the event in Traverse City that testimony was limited to 4 minutes

Tammy will provide a template/example of testimony

The Task Forces website contains a comprehensive set of resources regarding the work including meeting presentations, meeting notes, data summaries. <https://courts.michigan.gov/News-Events/Pages/DataDrivenJusticeSolutions.aspx>

Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
ENTF Workforce Involvement Survey - Chad provided time for attendees to complete the survey		
<b>System Navigators Presentation</b>	<b>Jennifer Summers</b>	
Discussion		
<p>Jennifer Summers provided an update of the activities of the System Navigators Action Team.</p> <p>Quarterly convenings of system navigators started in November 2018. The purpose is to build knowledge of resources and solutions to barriers.</p> <p>The meetings have included presentations from various sectors of the community; housing, transportation, health and food security.</p> <p>The next meeting will be from 9:00 am to noon on September 12, 2019 at United Way</p> <p>The Team also created and offered a training workshop for systems navigators. No date has been set but the training will be offered again in the future.</p> <p>Jennifer invited attendees to participate in the System Navigator quarterly convenings and/or to tell the relevant person in their organization about the events. She added, “consider joining the action team because we are awesome!”</p>		
<b>Agency Updates</b>		
Discussion		
<p>Chad explained that the 7-question survey was sent out because the Steering Committee wanted the input from the ENTF Workforce Subcommittee members interest in data and exploring support from the Kellogg Foundation for a data position in the ENTF. He thanked those who completed the survey today.</p>		



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Goodwill – Dan VanderMolen announced that Goodwill is ramping up for holiday season which begins with Halloween, their busiest holiday. Ramping up means they are hiring retail staff. Refer to Dan any candidates and note it is a referral from an ENTF member organization.

Women's Resource Center Michelle Bryk announced the WRC is holding their Wine Women & Chocolate on October 3 at the Cascade Country Club from 5 to 7:30 pm.

UCOM and Employment Services Collaborative - Betty Beth indicated the ESC Financial Literacy workshops are open to public and provide entry to one on one financial coaching. Their basic tool kit provides ideas for those making less than a living wage. The dates, times and location are on Trello.

GRCC - Lorena Aguayo-Marquez shared that the Gun Lake Casino is looking to hire blackjack dealers. Training leading to a certificate is being offered through GRCC. GRCC is interested in providing information sessions to groups.