The Somewhat Popular - The BS Top 10 List

It was another wonderful MAWB BS committee meeting. We welcomed two new members - Sonji Davis, from Workforce Development Inc. and Jennifer Byers from the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce.

Top things to know from that meeting, but in no particular order:

- 1) The Department of Labor and Industry has excellent Covid-19 resources on their website.
- 2) MState will be holding an Equity by Design seminar in June. While it's for MState staff, the consulting firm is Bright Morning. https://brightmorningteam.com/
- 3) The Minnesota Chamber will soon have a report about the impact of Covid-19 on the economy and how that may impact structural changes. We'll hear more about that at the next meeting.
- 4) The Chamber's Business Education Network is doing great work. Learn more and which Chambers are participating at https://www.mnchamber.com/minnesota-chamber-foundation/business-education-network
- 5) The Economic Development Association of Minnesota summer conference is virtual. If I sent this email sooner, you could have participated. They have a wonderful website. https://www.edam.org/
- 6) Unemployment fraud. Dang. It's a thing. Individuals and employers with UI fraud issues should go to: https://www.uimn.org/employers/contact-us/ui-fraud.jsp
- 7) The Inclusive Employer Workforce Designation. Craig Nathan (now retired) from Rural MN CEP first told us about this initiative many months ago. It seems quite excellent. Learn more at: https://www.rwa-nw.org/inclusive-workforce-employer Dan Wenner is now our go-to person for info on this.
- 8) <u>www.Acumenacademy.org</u> Leslie Wojtowicz shared how this site has free coursework on fighting hate and bias.
- 9) Speaking of speakers and resources Sonji Davis lauded Dee Sabol, Executive Director, Diversity Council for her work in the area. www.diversitycouncil.org
- 10) Bonus Info Not Covered During the Meeting ****** Emily Johnson, Inver Hills Community College and a member of the Dakota-Scott WDB's business services committee put together a great "Internship Guide for Employers." It's attached. It's great! If you want to contact Emily, her email is: EJohnso@inverhills.edu

Thanks to Becky for providing the excellent committee minutes.