



Business Services/Economic Development Committee

January 18, 2024, 9:30-11:30am

The committee was called to order at 9:34 am.

The committee heard a presentation and provided feedback on Job Quality Liz Jennings, DEED and Jeanna Fortney, MAWB. Much of the presentation details can be found on the DEED website at www.careerforcemn.com/jobquality

Employer-Related Updates: Items Pertinent to Employers or Employer Services

- M State
- Minnesota Chamber of Commerce
 - Continuing to education members on ESST across the state, including working with DLI
 - Partnering with United Way of Twin Cities to work on career pathways in communities, especially underrepresented students and students in greater MN
 - Watch for invitation to upcoming event invitation.
 - Grow MN program guide to workforce programs will be provided to employers in the next month.
- Economic Development Association of Minnesota (EDAM)
- Minnesota Association of Professional County Economic Developers (MAPCED)
 - Continue to have many conversations around housing and addressing workforce needs.
- State Agencies
 - DEED
 - DHS Resettlement 101: <https://mn.gov/dhs/partners-and-providers/training-conferences/refugee-resettlement-training/>
 - Rapid Response Layoff Assistance: <https://www.careerforcemn.com/layoff-resources>
 - Employer Reasonable Accommodation Fund: <https://mn.gov/deed/business/financing-business/eraf/>
 - <https://www.careerforcemn.com/jobquality>
 - DoLI
 - Youth skills training grant open now: www.dli.mn.gov/yst
 - Dual training pipeline, adding a hopeful 12 occupations to the program: www.dli.mn.gov/business/workforce/pipeline-events
 - ESST: www.dli.mn.gov/sick-leave
- Local Areas
 - Rural Minnesota CEP
 - City of Duluth
 - Hosting a series of webinars and job fairs across the area.
 - Working on manufacturing sectors strategy.
 - City of Lakeville

- Central Minnesota (CMJTS)
 - Hosting a job fair today!
 - Check out the Work Wright Podcast.
- Southwest Minnesota
- Southeast Minnesota (WDI)
- Hennepin-Carver
- City of Minneapolis
 - Office of Apprenticeship Management coming soon!
 - Will be applicable for the entire state.
- Anoka County
- Ramsey County
 - Top Workforce Trends event recording & slides: <https://www.ramseycountymeansbusiness.com/workforce/labor-market-information/industry-reports/p/ite>
 - Inclusive Hiring Summit: <https://web.stpaulchamber.com/events/RamseyCounty%20Inclusive%20Hiring%20connections%20Summit-2454221/details>
 - Inclusive Employer Toolkit: <https://ramseycountymeansbusiness.com/workforce/inclusive-employer-toolkit>
 - Inclusive workplace cohort program: <https://www.ramseycountymeansbusiness.com/workforce/inclusive-workplace-cohort>
- Dakota-Scott
 - Still many questions about ESST. Had a zoom call with employers with 70 participants – having another call later in the month.
 - There are still many questions needing to be addressed.
- Stearns-Benton (Career Solutions)
 - Had an open house which helps bring in new customers.
 - Apart of the Xcel Power Up Grant and in the process of training up cohort members.
- Washington County
- Northwest PIC
- Jeanna announced her departure from MAWB and that she will now serve as the Director of CareerForce MN at DEED.