

North Central P-16 Council

Minutes

October 18, 2013

PRESENT:

Members

Tim Amyx	Phyllis Foley	Bentley Rawden
Howard Bradley	Heather Harper	Judy Schuelke
Jennifer Brown	Charles Lea	Steve Sparks
Paige Brown	Hilary Marabeti	Jerry Spivey
Linda Cash	Rob McFadden	Michael Torrence
Jennifer Cothron	Brandy Parker	Tami Wallace
Kay Dayton	Rick Parrent	Ellen Zinkiewicz
Jerry Faulkner	Mae Perry	

Guest Speakers

Eric Marvin, Online Instructional Innovations Director, Union University Hendersonville
Stephanie Harville, Executive Director, Morningside of Gallatin
Doug Weaver, Certified Senior Advisor, Senior Helpers
Shawna Winham, Education Coordinator, Hendersonville Medical Center

BUSINESS:

Jerry Faulkner called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

The minutes of the July 19, 2013 meeting were reviewed. Upon motion by Brenda Payne, second by Michael Torrence, the minutes were approved.

Meeting dates for 2014 were discussed. Our January meeting will be moved back in the Rochelle, located in the Thigpen Library, due to renovation completion. Our Career Exploration Fair for 8th graders will be held in the spring or fall, not currently determined. Ellen Zinkiewicz, member of our Career Fair committee, shared the difference in the planning process for a Job Fair and an Exploration Fair. A Job Fair is for Adults to look for employment and an Exploration Fair is for students to explore a variety of career areas. Our committee has planned a meeting with Davidson County to discuss how they have made their Career Exploration Fair a success. Approximately 5,000 students from all the Davidson County High Schools will be bused to the Music City Center on October 30 for Nashville's event. Committee members will meet at the event at 11:30 and stay for the day in order to gather information. Ellen invited anyone interested in attending with them to contact either her or Rick Parrent. A committee follow-up meeting, to discuss plans of action, will be held at VSCC on November 7.

Union University

Eric Marvin presented information about new online courses that will be offered at Union University. Beginning in January educators can earn a degree fully online in: Master of Education (M.Ed.), Education Specialist (Ed.S.), Doctor of Education (Ed.D.)

Healthcare Personnel Panelist

It was determined at our July meeting that two of the quarterly meetings would consist of a panel from business & industry sectors.

Stephanie Harville, Doug Weaver and Shawna Winham shared information concerning changes in the demands for healthcare providers and skill requirements. In assisted care, patients are staying longer due to better health. As the population ages, more space will be needed as well as an increase in the number of healthcare providers. In-home care providers are in higher demand as more people prefer to stay in their home as long as possible. One major change in hospital care is LPNs will be phased out by 2015; RNs will be in higher demand. This is due mostly to patients that are required to stay over in hospitals are more seriously ill and need the care of more experienced caregivers.

Even though they all represent different areas of healthcare, they all agree on the challenges of hiring new employees. The most lacking are soft skills and commitment. One of the most important skills needed is critical thinking with the ability to problem solve quickly.

Meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.