

MINUTES

Wednesday, January 23, 2019 • 8:00 AM

McKinney Conference Center • Constitution Square

- 1. Welcome:** Dr. Erin Tipton and Ennis Tillman, Co-Chairs, called the meeting to order at 8:01 AM. Present: Tipton, Tillman, Rinehart, Miles, Dunn, Pianovski, Webb, Blevins, Sluder, Asher. Staff: Lassiter, Alex Grove (intern).
- 2. Review Previous Meeting Minutes:** 11-28-18 meeting – reviewed, no changes made.
- 3. Subcommittee Reports**
 - A. Priority 1: Tipton reported that recent local pledge commitments from Boyle County Fiscal Court and others have reduced outstanding gap to \$78,000. She noted that she would be appearing before the Danville City Commission to request this amount to complete the local pledge totaling \$1 million as match to the state grant funds.
 - B. Priority 2: Rinehart reported that the subcommittee is working in tandem with the Priority 3 subcommittee to develop a one-stop resource guide that can be posted on the EDP website. The guide will be shared with our workforce development partners, including United Way, ASAP, social service agencies.
 - C. Priority 3: Sluder reported that the subcommittee has developed a network of partners to market the resource guide and a potential resource event to socialize it. Tipton noted that the EDP has requested any budget needs supporting the committee’s implementation of the strategic plan’s objectives.
 - D. Priority 4: Tipton has reached out to Joanne Prewitt and Blevins about their interest in joining this committee to suggest additional trade programs. Lassiter suggested that additional training programs for CNC technicians and plastic mold injection workers may be needed with anticipated expansions at Meggitt and the addition of Adkev.
 - E. Priority 5: Chidester raised the need for students with limited future options to hear about the opportunities for good employment here in the Danville area. Lassiter offered to facilitate a one-on-one session with willing HR managers to share employment opportunities as well as expectations for job skills, work ethic, and employee performance. The committee discussed several options to communicate local/area employment opportunities via schools, employers, and mentors. Blevins suggested modeling the one-on-one volunteer mentor program in place at Bate Middle School. This program associated

with the Hope Network and is conducted in school during lunch under school supervision. Blevins will be added to the subcommittee.

4. **Media Op-Ed Series:** Tipton, Tillman, and Rinehart shared about the status of the series. The past and present articles are ready to submit to the newspaper. The future-focused article will be deferred to a later date, and could be multiple pieces to discuss several initiatives in detail.
5. **Budget Discussion for Future Potential Support from EDP:** Tipton requested that the subcommittees discuss and respond with possible line items and budget requests for inclusion in the EDP budget being prepared now for the local government appropriations process.
6. **Other Business/Discussion:** Miles shared that the Arts Commission will be presenting a dramatic performance to local schools of a play written by Liz Orndorff and starring local citizens as performers. The play has an anti-bullying message.
7. **Adjourn:** 9:05 AM.