

Minnesota Dual-Training Pipeline Information Technology Industry Forum

Meeting Notes

Date: February 3, 2020: 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Location: Department of Labor and Industry, 443 Lafayette Road North, St. Paul, MN

Welcome and introductions

Minnesota Dual-Training Pipeline Updates: Kathleen Gordon & Dan Solomon

- Offered refresher on general principles of Minnesota Dual-Training Pipeline.
- Gave update on last speaker series event held on December 5, 2019 that was about Good Mental Health in the Workplace; reminded attendees that Pipeline staff are always looking to bring in new speakers and new topics and open to suggestions.
- Provided update on Community Conversations that occurred in December 2019 and January 2020, noting that key observations included lack of access to childcare, lack of affordable housing, challenges of low unemployment in general and an often-cited desire to better align high school education opportunities with real world work experiences.

Dual-Training Success Break-Out Session and Sharing: Elizabeth Chapman with Art Unlimited, Heather McGannon and Kathleen Gordon

- Elizabeth Chapman from Art Unlimited shared her experience with the Minnesota Dual-Training Pipeline with attendees via web. The group had ample time to hear the story and to ask probing questions regarding dual training.

Information Technology occupations and pathways: Kathleen Gordon

Kathleen Gordon shared that Pipeline will be eliminating some of the single occupations and will be utilizing the developed Pathways for all dual training positions. The grant application and information will also reflect this change. Occupation titles are rapidly changing in the industry and pathways seem to be the most all-encompassing solution.

Dual Training Grant Update – Jacquelynn Mol Sletten

- OHE awarded \$2.8 million in 2019 to 58 different companies.
- The next Dual Training Grant Round 9 for new and existing employers will open for application on March 23, 2020 and close on May 1, 2020. (Contact Jacquelynn.Mol.Sletten@state.mn.us at the Office of Higher Education for more information). Award notices will be given out by June 15, 2019.
- Dual Training Grant workshops with four workshops scheduled from February 18 through April 9.

Next Steps

- Next All-Industry Forum on June 15, 2020
- Speaker Series on March 12, 2020. If anyone has any ideas for future speaker topics, please let us know.
- If anyone has suggestions for agenda items for next Industry Forum, please let us know.