

## Minnesota Dual-Training Pipeline Health Care Services Industry Forum

### Meeting Notes

Date: February 3, 2020: 9:00 – 10:30 a.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. Health Care Services attendees also noted struggles with finding skilled labor in rural areas, in particular.

#### Dual-Training Success Break-Out Sessions and Sharing: Three Health Care Companies, Heather McGannon, Dan Solomon and Kathleen Gordon

- Peg Black, from Cerenity Long Term Care and Kari Scanlon from TouchStone Mental Health shared their experience with the Minnesota Dual-Training Pipeline with two groups of attendees. Mary Larkin from Apple Tree Dental shared her success with the webinar participants. All groups had ample time to hear the stories and to ask probing questions regarding dual training.

#### New Occupations – Kathleen Gordon

Kathleen Gordon shared that four new occupations will be added for 2020 so far; please see below. Kathleen also described that the Minnesota Dual-Training Pipeline team is always interested in adding new in-demand occupations.

- Addiction Specialist
- Dental Hygienist

- Medical Laboratory Technician
- Registered Nurse

## 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](mailto: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.