

Apprenticeship Advisory Council Meeting Notes

June 20, 2023

1:00-2:30 pm

Present: Anita Andrews-Hutchinson, Annie Connell, Kate Connor, Sonja Crum-Knight, Ashley Harms, Lori Harrison, Carissa Hurley-Davis, Ruth Kimble, Courtney Kirk, Jen Kirmes, Kate Kuchenbrod, Cathy Main, Marcy Mendenhall, Mercedes Mondragon, Laurie Morrison-Frichtl, Larissa Mulholland, Toni Porter, Rebecca Pruitt, Brynn Seibert, Sara Slaughter, Whitney Thompson, Edie Washington, Michelle Wood, Karen Yarbrough

Absent: Talina Carter-Bowie, Sonya Clark, Johnna Darraugh, Marsha Hawley, Jacqueline Melendez, Jean Zarr

Welcome/Introductions (Lori Harrison) – Lori welcomed the group to the first Apprenticeship Advisory Council Meeting and each person told their name and the organization they were affiliated with.

Apprenticeship Powerpoint - [Apprenticeship June 2023 for Advisory \(002\)](#)

Questions from Advisory Council –

- 1) There was a question on how the employers reacted to the slaray schedule. Karen shared that CELFE created the current schedule and providers had varying views on if it was too high, too low, or adequate for their center. Since this is a pilot, we will be revisting the salary schedule as needed.
- 2) Brynn Seibert offered to work with the advisory council to communicate with unions on the need for apprenticeship programs and how they could work with us to effectively communicate this.
- 3) Kim Kuchenbrod thought that this would be a great opportunity to work with ISBE to get an early childhood CTE pathway. She also let the council know that on the Apprenticeship Illinois website that there wer intermediaries and navigators to identify and engage businesses to support apprentices. All the navigators are trained in setting up apprenticeships and know how to get individuals and businesses involved.
- 4) Marcy Mendenhall questioned what the apprenticeship pilot’s core audience was. Karen and Cathy replied that the incumbent workforce was the top priority due to the limited scope at this time.

Apprenticeship Salary Schedule (Karen Yarbrough) - [Apprenticeship Salary Scale](#)

Appendices Draft (Karen Yarbrough) – Karen went thourgh the various appendices to the agreement and a brief overview of each one.

Next Steps – Lori will send out the notes and slide deck to the council members. In the next couple of weeks and invitation to our next meeting will be emailed out.