



**CONNECTING ASSETS,
DEVELOPING TALENT**

**T3 Council Meeting
Tuesday January 26, 2021**

Present

Chris Holman, Co-Chair
Edith Suttles, Co-Chair
Amy Busch
Arnold Weinfeld
Bob Trezise
Carrie Rosingana
Courtney Bollman
Dave Pohl
Edith Suttles

Jamie Engel
Jane Doty
Jason Mellema
Jay Ediger
Jeff Benson
Jennifer Branch
Jennifer Fenning
Kathleen Szuminski

Kelly Dean
Michael Flowers
Michele Strasz
Micki O'Neil
Sagar Sheth
Shelly Neal
Teresa Kmetz
Toni Glasscoe

CAMW! Staff

J. Moore
Kate Snyder
Samantha Bohm

AGENDA

ITEM 1 WELCOME

Chris Holman began the meeting at 3:34PM

ITEM 2 PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

ITEM 3 MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 19, 2020 MEETING

Motion to approve by Jay Ediger supported by Dave Pohl to accept the minutes as presented.
Approved Unanimously.

ITEM 4 UPDATES FROM CAMW! – CARRIE ROSINGANA

Carrie gave the CAMW! updates, which began with discussing the GoingPRO Talent Fund. GoingPRO awarded \$39M throughout the state. In our region, 100% of the applications submitted were approved, granting local employers over \$2M in funding. Carrie reiterated this would not have been possible without the collaborations of local educators and businesses. The governor's COVID relief plans were discussed, and when CAMW! receives more information regarding what specific impacts this will have on workforce development in the region, Carrie will update the council. CAMW! is working on two grant proposals/requests for proposals (RFP) for apprenticeship growth and assistance in the region. An additional grant proposal for young professionals is in the works and will be submitted the first week of February. Funding was received for the Clean Slate Program/Navigator position, to assist those in the region to remove barriers that prevent employment through the expungement process.

ITEM 5 T3 PROGRAM UPDATES – J. MOORE

A. MICAREERQUEST CAPITAL AREA

J discussed the date of the event, and the virtual delivery style this year. He would like to be mindful of when standardized testing is held, and work around those dates within the region. J plans to connect with West Michigan Works! and shadowing their virtual MiCareerQuest event. Discussion regarding trying to have the event in person ensued and J will send out a survey to gather data on the best suitable dates to hold the 2021 MICQ event.

B. EMPLOYER ENGAGEMENT

J invited council members to connect with him, regarding any suggestions for other businesses or entities that should be invited to join the T3 Council. He invites any suggestions that may improve conversations and growth with T3. Edith suggested that she would like to see more diversity, specifically young minority populations, contributing to the council.

ITEM 6**MEMBER ROUNDTABLE****A. MICHELLE STRASZ (CAPCAN)**

Michele stressed that the FAFSA deadline is March 1, 2021. Currently CAPCAN is down about 10% in applications. She requested that anyone that works with students or may have the capacity to reach student populations remind them of the deadline for FAFSA. CAPCAN has partnered with WKAR for a documentary viewing on February 4, 2021, regarding college attainment in the area. CAPCAN will host their annual winter college fair on April 23, 2021 from 9AM-1PM. She requested that if anyone has any materials, videos, or organizational documents she welcomes the additional involvement, and insight for students. Any sponsorships would additionally be beneficial to facilitate the virtual delivery of the college fair.

B. KATHLEEN SZUMINSKI (ERESA)

Kathleen gave the Perkins Region 14 update and informed on the current efforts to enhance the partnership with CAMW! and T3. Jennifer Branch (CRESA) communicated that all students in the tri-county region have access to the Inspire/Xello portal. Jennifer Fenning (CRESA) gave an informational presentation on Xello, a student career assessment software. Xello allows students to connect with industries, to learn more about the company, ask questions, and connect with various employees from the companies. Students are able to connect with any business, as long as they are registered, regardless of where they are located. There was an ask to comprise a T3 Task Force comprised of educators and business partners to brainstorm next steps and consider other potential tools for outreach and student/employer connections.

Motion to approve the recommendation as presented by Arnold Weinfeld supported by Bob Trezise.

Approved Unanimously.

C. OTHERS

Jason Mellema (IISD) gave the update on Ingham County School District in person learning plans. He mentioned where various public schools were at on their return, as well as that the schools that have not released a proposed in person learning plan, will have one prepared soon. Bob Trezise gave a brief LEAP report, discussing the fourth small business relief grant that LEAP is pioneering. They have thirty volunteers this time around. LEAP has received 1040 applications, once the review is completed, LEAP will award 194 small businesses with grants of \$15,000. The review process and scoring has begun, and they are focusing on bars, restaurants, gyms, and entertainment venues that have been significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The plan is to distribute that funding by the first week of February. Toni Glasscoe gave a quick announcement for LCC, informing their college and career readiness summit, with the focus being Future for Frontliners; Carrie Rosingana of CAMW! and LEO staff will be the guest speakers.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:32PM