**T3 Council Meeting**

**Tuesday May 25, 2021**

**Present**

Chris Holman, Co-Chair

Edith Suttles, Co-Chair

Jeff Benson

Teri Bernero

Jennifer Branch

Tim Daman

Jane Doty

Jay Ediger

Jamie Engel

Toni Glasscoe

Cindy Kangas

Teresa Kmetz

Shelley Lowe

Jason Mellema

Shelly Neal

David Pohl

Michele Strasz

Kathleen Szuminski

Lori Thayer

Bob Trezise

Jen Rostar

Arnold Weinfeld

**Guests**

Samantha Bohm

David Douglas

Dawn Plenar

**CAMW! Staff**

Tekea Norwood

J. Moore

Erin McKenzie

Amirika Richardson

Carrie Rosingana

Teri Sand

Kate Snyder

**AGENDA**

1. **Welcome**

Chris Holman began the meeting at 3:34PM

1. **Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

1. **Minutes of March 30, 2021 Meeting**

Motion to approve by Jay Ediger supported by Jane Doty to accept the minutes as presented.

Approved Unanimously.

1. **Updates from CAMW! (Carrie Rosingana)**

Carrie provided an overview of several federal updates tied to workforce development and mentioned the potential for an increase in Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) funding to support youth, adults and dislocated workers. She then provided an update related to CAMW! COVID Re-Engagement Plan and use of federal, state and regional data to continue to inform action. CAMW! expects to start to phase back into some in-person services beginning July 12th, which aligns with when the State of Michigan expects to transition back from remote working. Lastly, Carrie provided an update regarding UIA Work Search Requirements being put back into place and that services through CAMW! will continue to support these requirements for claimants.

1. **T3 Program Updates (J. Moore)**
2. STRATEGIC PLAN REVIEW

Reviewed strategic plan goals and briefly discussed expectations to continue to work towards action with the goals moving forward. Will plan to provide updates to goals and action in future T3 Council meetings to ensure that collectively members are aware of updates. Teri Bernero suggested incorporating metrics for accountability to show measurement of action steps with the strategic plan.

1. LANSING BOARD OF WATER AND LIGHT (LBWL) 1st Step Program

Dawn Plenar and David Douglas from LBWL provided an overview of the 1st Step Program and how it has worked with education partners to help engage high school students with LBWL career learning opportunities. CAMW! helps to coordinate securing volunteering to help screen students for 1st Step and this further emphasizes the education, workforce and employer connections fostered under T3.

1. STATE OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS TEAM

J provided an overview of successful pilot program engagement with Department of Agriculture and over 200 students engaging in first ever virtual university between T3/CAMW! and Department of Agriculture. J will continue to work with Ashley Batten from Department of Agriculture to plan future sessions and will utilize partners from T3 to help expand the pilot.

1. CAPITAL AREA MANUFACTURING COUNCIL

Cindy Kangas provided an overview as new member of the T3 Council in her role as the executive director of the Capital Area Manufacturing Council (CAMC). Discussed opportunities under the CAMC and potential opportunities for continued connections to the T3 Council.

1. MID-MICHIGAN MiSTEM COUNCIL

Lory Thayer provided an overview of Mid-Michigan MiSTEM Council and services that are available. She shared that there are opportunities to partner on projects given shared goals and objectives with T3 Council and welcomed continued conversations between T3 and MiSTEM.

1. CAMW! BUSINESS SERVICE TEAM

Teri Sand and Erin McKenzie provided an overview of business services and to look at increased opportunities to engage additional employer partners working with business services in T3 activities.

1. MICAREER QUEST CAPITAL AREA

Provided update that event will be held November 2nd and 3rd from 8:30am-12:15am. Discussed how previous structure looked (three sessions in a one-day event) and why two-day implementation is being looked at for scheduling virtual event during COVID. Will need to work with educators to finalize grades that will engage. Expect to have four quads with eight employers and pre-recorded virtual videos in 40 minute segments per quad using Blackboard as the virtual platform for the event. Jamie Engel discussed lunch period for students and how that may impact the day during the last quadrant potentially. Also raised question regarding if there may be option to make event in-person, not virtual, for student engagement as virtual learning has caused dis-engagement. Similar feedback about looking at in-person from Kathleen Szuminski and Chris Holman as students should be back in-person for upcoming school year. Kathleen wondered about potentially looking at a smaller event to allow for in-person while Chris wondered about having smaller groups move quads. Carrie discussed challenges with pivoting to an in-person event, including procurement of location, budgeting, and COVID precautionary measures. Dave Pohl wondered about industry cluster focuses at different locations and perhaps not on the same day. Shelley Lowe and Jay Ediger discussed volunteer opportunities not looking at in-person until likely January. Cindy Kangas discussed hesitancy from employers she engages with to go-offsite for events or to be in-person. Further conversation will be scheduled for follow-up on this topic in workgroup setting to determine next steps next month.

**ITEM 6**  **ROUNDTABLE**

1. CCInspire Workgroup

Jamie Engel and Michele Strasz shared overview of previous MI Bright Future system to help with work-based learning in tri-county region. Education partners looking at best way to proceed with CCInspire transition given MI Bright Future structure is no longer in place to support. Concept paper provided and shows connection to T3 Strategic Plan. Jamie provided updates since last meeting and possibility to have JA help support some of the identifiable gaps workgroup is finding. If interested in engaging with workgroup, ask to reach out to Jamie and Michele.

**Meeting adjourned at 4:51PM**