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## Rock County Stakeholder Advisory Committee

Community Action Inc., 20 Eclipse Center (6000 Henry Avenue) Beloit, WI

Thursday; May 3, 2016, 4 p.m.

### Present (12):

William Stark  
Julie Harkinson  
Vincent Fisher  
Sue Jersild  
Michele Carter  
Jennifer Marks  
Jenna K Koleske  
Kim Schauder  
Bill Dione  
Lauren Miller  
Leonard Perfetti  
Crystal Wilson

### **Meeting Handouts:**

- Meeting Agenda
- Labor Meeting Handouts
- Construction Project Updates

### **Discussion:**

1. Welcome and introduction.

Vincent provided an overview of the agenda.

2. Vincent presented on the DWD apprenticeship report. Vincent presented the Rock County Apprentice Snapshot handouts from DWD. Information covered data on minority and women apprentice for the month of April.
3. Kim provided SW Mega I39/I90 Expansion Updates.
  - Handouts were provided including the 2016 Construction Guide and updated construction project maps.
  - \$95.8 million in contingent bonding was approved In November 2015.
  - Number of statewide lettings with savings made it possible for I-39/90 to advance \$22.9 million of work, and the next lets will be May 10 and June 14.
  - There will be construction projects going on to 2022.
4. Bill wanted to know the percentage of construction that will be completed by end of year 2016. Kim said approximately a 3rd of the entire budget. DBE commitments and payments are being tracked and a head count is being reported to the DBE office for tracking.

*Post meeting update: The actual amount of construction dollars spent or that are committed to spend on active projects (includes Rock River Bridges to be completed in 2018) is approximately 20%. The entire project (design, real estate, utilities and construction) has committed about 26% of the total budget.*

5. Crystal & Julie provided shared the following activities:
  - Reached out to the Beloit Chamber of Commerce.
  - Reached out to local colleges.
  - Reaching out to women and minority owned business within Rock County.
  - Recruiting efforts to hire a college intern to compile data for Rock County.
6. Bill D. discuss a new program called Destination Career Academy being implemented in local schools.

[www.i39-90.wi.gov](http://www.i39-90.wi.gov)



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- The program was started through Destination K12 where high school students are offered classes needed to become an operating engineer.
- Classes begin with OSHA and federal regulations which can be completed at home or in school.
- According to Bill this program gives students a leg up with entering into the apprenticeship program.
- According to Bill this is the first such program in the nation offering this type of opportunity.
- Bill also mentioned Operating Engineers involves veterans and there are currently 40 veterans as operating engineers.
- <http://www.widca.k12.com/>

7. Vincent asked the group if they had any suggestions for further DBE outreach in Rock County.

- Lynn just received a grant with the Transportation Fund, they also have a welding boot camp with Workforce Development Board and would like to discuss further opportunities.
- Rock Roads advised DOT to contact established business that have experience in larger construction projects.

**Action Needed:** Crystal will meet with Lynn Jones to discuss future work opportunities, and follow up with Rock Roads to see they have a list of business that could potentially be DBE Certified.

8. Jenna presented the Geographical Analysis Report.

- Report showed the percentage of female and minority apprentice within the various local zip codes.
- Jenna went over the Mega project Workforce Utilization Head Count Report, and also provided a breakdown of ethnicity and gender for Heavy equipment operators, laborers, and electricians.
- Group asked if there was a way to track apprentice to journeymen status once they complete the apprenticeship program.
- Jenna advised no solid information but speculates from her conversation with businesses that apprentices may move on to building construction instead of heavy highway work.

9. Jenna and Jennifer provided the TrANS update.

- Reports will be changing from bimonthly to quarterly.
- The current report is always ran one month behind, and the totals are for Jan-March 2016.
- Jennifer reported on the screening process and the number of orientations held at Community Action.
- There has been a lot of outreach to companies informing them of the TrANS program and providing them with resumes of the TrANS graduates.
- Fahrner and Hoffman hired TrANS grads and this information will be on the May and June report.

10. Group discussion regarding CDL testing:

- Forward Services explained different test options for various CDL license.
- Rock Road has been supportive of CDL training efforts.
- Sue advised that if they see drivers with potential they may encourage apprentice to explore future ownership possibilities.
- Forward Service is handing out flyers for upcoming classes at the Aberg Job Center as well as other community organizations.
- Forward Services will be reaching out to high schools, probation and parole officers to inform them of upcoming events to spark participants for the screening.

11. Vincent provided the calendar for projects being let this information is also available on the HCCI website.

<http://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/doing-bus/contractors/hcci/bid-let.aspx> (click year, click date, click "Counter sheet" for list of projects)

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:16 P.M.

If there are any additions or concerns on these minutes, please contact Crystal Wilson 608-772-2886

**Next meeting August 2, 2016.**