

NKY NaviGo College and Career Network
Report to Amy Razor
From Helen Carroll
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Highlights, March 2019

A lot of my time in March has been spent in discussions and meetings (with GROW leadership, the Chamber, PCW, Dave Fleischer, Tim Hanner, Leisa Mulcahy and others) regarding what I've observed around duplication and lack of alignment of all the work that is being done regionally in the College and Career Ready space. Coming from business, I know the frustration that occurs on that side when numerous organizations are calling for the same reason, wanting basically the same thing from a business. And, we've been asking CCR folks at the high schools to attend several different meetings. So, here's what we are proposing to address these issues:

1. As part of Pillar 2, a meeting of all of the partners who are involved in workforce development, specifically related to preparing high school students to be transition ready and providing them work-based learning opportunities – this includes but is not limited to, GROW-NKY, NaviGo and NKCES, the Education Council, Partners for a Competitive Workforce, Brighton Center, Kentucky Career Center, WIB, Life Learning Center, Junior Achievement, Gateway, NKU, Thomas More, the public library.
2. On April 30th, we are piloting a combined meeting of the River Cities Network, the NKY NaviGo College and Career Readiness Network, and NaviGo In-School Coaching. This will eliminate many of these folks from going to 2 or 3 meetings in April.

NKY Chamber/GROW:

Have begun development of the Employer Involvement Guide tool that will be housed on the Chamber's website. Businesses will be asked to include the activities they are willing to do for high schools students, i.e. job shadowing, tours, internships, mentoring, guest speakers in classes, etc. Schools will use the tool to find opportunities for their students.

Next Upper Valley Career Center Visit:

-Working with the Chamber to take NKY businesses to visit. Trip scheduled for May 2. Commissioner Wayne Lewis is also attending – it's on his schedule as of now.

Healthcare Career Network Working Group:

-Third meeting of the working group – Focus of this meeting was the business opportunities framework being developed by St. Elizabeth (for their opportunities for students) and the framework that will be housed on the Chamber's website.

-Meeting monthly through June

NaviGo College and Career Readiness Network:

-Organized and implemented 2nd meeting of this group. Mary Taylor, Industry Training and Development Specialist, Division of Technical Schools and Federal Programs from the Kentucky Office and Career and Technical Education, and Brend Demic, Registered Apprenticeship Program Coordinator, Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet, attended and presented to the group, followed by Q and A.

All high schools were invited to attend. Those who attended were:

BCHS: Pam Hirn and Chad Simms

Dayton: Ryan Kellinghaus

CCHS: Sherry Wirth, Michael Florimonte

Cooper: Jennifer Warford

Dixie Heights: Julie Lovell

KC Academies: Brian Noll

Ryle: Tammy Dorgan

Scott: Jill Holthaus

Also attending were R.S. Riegler and Michael Taylor from Riegler Blacktop – invited by Julie Lovell.

(It was great to have a business at this meeting – please encourage your folks to invite your business partners to the April 30 meeting (noted above)).

Apprenticeships:

- PAYA grant (for establishing NKY apprenticeship program) completed and submitted.
- Apprenticeship call with Ervin Dimeny and Nick Wyman with IWSI
- IT Apprenticeship meeting – first one to discuss possibilities with the following businesses: Interapt, CForward, Cincinnati Bell, Tier One Performance, and Global Business Systems

Other activities and meetings:

- On-going meetings with Dave Fleischer – to coordinate business needs for NaviGo and Ignite
- I'm attending the NKCES Essential Workskills Committee meetings.
- I'm attending the monthly NKCES Professional Development Coordinators Consortium .
- Met with Gary Gavin – Skilled Trades Resources
- NaviGo meetings – March 6 planning session and monthly updates