

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

Follow up to concerns over duplication/non-alignment of College and Career Readiness work by multiple non-profits and programs:

The Kentucky Career Center, experiencing the same concerns over duplication and multiple people reaching out to businesses, has created the NKY Workforce Partner Roundtable. The Network is now a member of this Roundtable.

Goal/ Purpose of NKY Workforce Partner Roundtable: To increase level of collaboration among NKY workforce partners, specifically those working with local employers/ businesses ***to improve coordination and alignment with employers to better support them in attracting, retaining and promoting workers.***

Current Participants:

Brighton Center / KY Career Center (Talia Frye)
Kenton County Public Library (Natalie Ruppert / Dave Schroeder)
Life Learning Center (Alecia Webb-Edgington / Ashton Van Gorden)
NKY Chamber (Leisa Mulcahy)
NKY Tri-ED (Jennifer Panepinto)
Cabinet for Economic Development (Elizabeth Bishop)
Gaetway (Christi Godman)
KY Chamber (LaKisha Miller) – invited to join
KY Career Center (Correy Eimer)
NKY NaviGo College and Career Network (Helen Carroll)

Next Upper Valley Career Center Visit:

-Working with the Chamber to take NKY businesses to visit. Trip scheduled for May 2. **Update: Attendees are: Brent Cooper, Gene Kirchner, Dave Fleischer, Gary Gavin (Skilled Trades Resources), Melissa Lutz (Champlin Architecture), Ryan Heitkamp (Armor Group), Rhonda Whitaker (Duke Energy), and Commissioner Wayne Lewis.**

NaviGo College and Career Readiness Network:

April meeting (to be held on April 30) is a combined meeting with the NaviGo Scholars, NaviGo In-School Coaching, and River Cities Network. We are trying the combined meeting this month to eliminate some duplication of meetings for the schools and to ensure each “group” is receiving the same information.

Duke Grant:

Supported the writing of the 2019 Duke Grant (coming from NKCES) for the Network and wrote the evaluation of the 2018 grant (attached).

Healthcare Career Summit #2: planning for early June – more info to come. (Would be great for all schools to be represented)

Internships:

Met with the internship coordinator for Boone County High School – she is looking to place 35 seniors in internships next school year. Have connected her with members of the Healthcare Career Network: Rosedale Green, Carmel Manor and Baptist Life Communities.

Other activities and meetings:

- I’m attending the NKCES Essential Work Skills Committee meetings.
- I’m attending the monthly NKCES Professional Development Coordinators Consortium .

- Continuing discussions with Gary Gavin, Skilled Trades Resources, and Jesse Simmons and Hope Arthur, Partners for a Competitive Workforce, on ways we can partner.
- Continuing support of the GROW Pillar 2 Gap Analysis Committee – charged with identifying the Gaps that exist between what businesses and schools said in the surveys completed last fall. Working to identify a structure that can be used to support Pillar 2 and ultimately benefit the NaviGo Network.