MOHAWK VALLEY Regional Economic Development Council



COMMITTEE REPORTS

REPORT FOR 03.31.14

EDUCATION & WORKFORCE

Conference call held on Tuesday, March 25th from 1:00 – 1:45. Attendees included Dr. Keniewski, Dr. Swanger, Carolyn Lewis, and Colleen Brannon.

- College & University Roundtable purpose discussed: take inventory of what higher education is doing in community and economic development; identify common purposes, opportunities for collaboration, and what to avoid.
 Late May-June timeframe; follow-up to Summit
 - Also discussed format for E&W workshop on April 30th Colleges as Partners in Community & Economic Development
 - Facilitated by Dr. Swanger; panelists to include Provost Maria Thompson of SUNY-Oneonta, Peggy O'Shea of the Oneida-Herkimer Community Foundation, and others to be identified.

Action Items:

- Draft purpose, objectives, and potential topics for discussion and specific questions for the roundtable to help participants prepare for discussion
- > Check availability of Maria Thompson for April 30th; confirm if possible.
- > Brian Hunt presentation to REDC on April 4th.

SUMMIT PLANNING

Conference call held on Tuesday, March 25th from 1:45 – 2:15. Attendees included Nick Matt, Chuck Green, Wally Hart, Dr. Swanger, Carolyn Lewis.

- Revision of agenda and partners continue to be added to invite list
- April 30th @ Arkell Museum.
- Mike Russo confirmed (thank you, Bob)
- Other speakers & facilitators confirmed: Dr. Swanger, Mayor Miller, Frank DuRoss, Jeff Idleson, Department of State.
- Arkell is fully engaged and excited to host the event; working with us every step of the way on details, logistics.
- Save the Dates sent on Friday, March 21st to over 100 stakeholders, chambers, state representatives, elected officials, and partner organizations.

Action Items:

- \$100 down-payment for facility
- Continue to confirm panelists
- > Next round of *Save the Dates* to expanded stakeholder list and individuals with more detail prior to April 4th
- > Prepare detailed report/presentation for April 4th meeting.

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

- Next meeting planned for April 7th.
- Draft internal list of potential priority project concepts, to date.

OUTREACH & INFORMATION

- Nick Matt scheduled for presentation at Clean Energy Conference in Lake Placid in June.
- Utilize existing networks for promotion of Summit
 - Mark Kilmer to mobilize chamber network(s) in Fulton, Montgomery, Schoharie, Otsego.
 - Ray Durso to inform Genesis network
 - o Matt Briggs to inform Leadership Mohawk Valley Alumni Network through social media.
- Access committee reports and newsletter archive on MVREDC web page: http://regionalcouncils.ny.gov/content/mohawk-valley

