

IOWA PLAINS COMMITTEE

Date: 4/12/2024

Time: 8:30 AM

Facilitator: Holly Espenhover-Chair

IN ATTENDANCE

Holly Espenhover-UnityPoint Health
Chelsie Dobney-UnityPoint Health
Kristin Russell-American Athletic Inc (Fruit of the Loom Inc)
Joli Gehring- Siouxland Human Investment
Andrew Sheffield-CJ Bio America
Sara Blair-Country Maid
Katie Towers-St. Anthony Hospital
Linda Rouse-Iowa Workforce Development
Teresa Larson-White-Iowa Workforce Development
Stephanie Camden-Iowa Workforce Development
Nicolas "Omar" Valentine-Iowa Workforce Development
Nadia Blazeovich-Owen Industries
Elizabeth Waigand-Iowa Workforce Development
Ryan Murphy-Iowa Workforce Development – Presenting
Kari Nuzback-Puck Enterprises

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Ryan Murphy, IWD Division Administrator for Labor Market Information, presented on the Iowa Workforce Development LMI information and website, iowalmi.gov.

Areas discussed on under Labor Market on website:

- Occupation: Employment & Wages
 - Iowa Wage Report (data updates different times of year; wage data updated 1 x per year published in the summer)
- Labor Supply & Availability
 - Laborshed Studies
 - Reports by City (PDFs)
 - Interactive Reports (Live Data)
- Labor Supply & Availability
 - American Community Survey Data
- Industry & Employers
 - Employment Benefit Analysis
- Occupation: Employment & Wages
 - Occupational Projections (Forecasts)

DISCUSSION

Linda provided some suggestions for the next meetings.

- Would like to have Omar provide overview of the Youth Committee and what Youth services are available.
- Discuss the Disability Access Committee in Iowa Plains (this has not been created yet)
- Invite Jamie Norton, Veteran Workforce Director, to discuss the DOD program Skillbridge.

ACTION PLAN

Holly will be reaching out to each committee member individually within the next week or so to get contact information for new employers that could possibly join the committee.

Send new names or agencies to Holly (holly.espenhover@unitypoint.org) and Linda (linda.rouse@iwd.iowa.gov).

A survey will be sent out to ALL employers due to some not being able to attend on Fridays, once this is done, meeting day/time may change to accommodate needs.

Link to the Iowa Plains Local Workforce Development Area website:

<https://www.iowawdb.gov/iowa-plains/home>